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# Sudanese Army reiterates demand for new government

KHARTOUM, March 1, (Agencies): Sudan's military leaders have refused to back down from their confrontation with Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, renewing their demand for a new government and denying him a promise not to mount a coup.

Opposition party and labour leaders rallied behind the military, endorsing its demand for a broadly based cabinet that would seek peace with southern rebels, while a militant Islamic faction in the ruling coalition insisted that Mahdi should stand his ground.

Soldiers maintained checkpoints, searching all vehicles entering the city, amid rising tension despite earlier promises from military leaders to support the constitution.

## Statement

Khartoum newspapers said the military high command conference was attended by commanders from every unit in the country except those on the war front, where the armed forces suffered a humiliating loss to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebels on Sunday.

In a terse statement after the

day-long private meeting yesterday, the generals said, "the armed forces reiterates its insistence for the implementation of all the provisions" in a memorandum handed to Sadiq last week by Chief of Staff Gen. Fahti Ahmed Ali.

The memo gave Mahdi until Feb 27 to bring peace-oriented parties into his government and reverse its growing ties to radical Muslim states, which the military blames for a cut-off in arms from Western and moderate Arab countries.

Mahdi replied in a dramatic speech to parliament on Monday, calling instead for the military and labour unions to support him and threatening to resign on March 5 if the military does not promise it will not mount a coup.

Mahdi added that he will "make efforts" over the next few days to establish a broadly based government, and said that "peace is within reach" if the country offers its support. He also promised to secure new arms and equipment for the military.

The generals' response emphasised the military's com-

mitment to democracy but also said the armed forces would never surrender their constitutional obligations, including a duty "to protect the country and its territories."

## Rejection

This was taken by observers as a rejection of Mahdi's request for a promise not to mount a coup.

A group of 38 opposition parties, labour unions and professional organisations issued a statement yesterday rejecting Mahdi's speech as inadequate and demanded the formation of a new government representing all elements of society.

Sadiq yesterday stressed the need to end the civil war in the south.

"Peace is the only way to unite us at home and we hope to be able to give it priority to preserve the unity of Sudan," Mahdi said. He did not elaborate.

Last November Mahdi's Umma Party and its coalition ally, the militant National Islamic Front, rejected a pact negotiated by a third member of the coalition, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), to end the civil war.

# Arab committee to invite 30 Lebanese leaders

KUWAIT, March 1, (Agencies): Arab League mediators will invite 30 Lebanese political leaders and influential figures to its next meeting on March 17 and 18, Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said today.

Sheikh Sabah, who is the chairman of the six-member

committee, said Kuwait will be the venue for the third round of talks.

The first meeting, with rival Prime Ministers Selim Al Hoss and Michel Aoun, was in Tunis in January. The committee, then met Lebanese religious leaders in Kuwait last week.

Lebanon has had rival

Muslim-led and Christian governments, a paralysed Parliament and no president since Amin Gemayel ended his term last September.

Commenting on the forthcoming talks, Sheikh Sabah expressed optimism that the committee will be able to restore peace and stability to Lebanon.

# Bid to end insurgency in Bangladesh

DHAKA, March 1, (AP): The Bangladesh government has enacted legislation to create administrative councils in the remote southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts, in a bid to end 14 years of armed insurgency during which more than 3,000 people have died.

More than 30,000 others have fled to neighbouring India to

survive the tribal insurgents' hit-and-run guerrilla warfare in an effort to gain an autonomous state.

Tribals, mostly from the Chakma tribe dominant in hill track regions, have waged a guerrilla campaign against the Bangladesh security forces for extensive economic and political autonomy.

# Serbian leader vows revenge

BELGRADE, March 1, (Reuters): Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic vowed revenge for ethnic Albanian unrest as more tanks rolled into Yugoslavia's southern province of Kosovo.

Half a million Serbs poured into Belgrade streets and protested outside Parliament yesterday over a general strike in Kosovo that had caused the resignation of three pro-Serbian ethnic Albanian leaders on Monday.

"All the organisers' names will be revealed soon," Milosevic told the crowd.

"Those who manipulated the masses will be arrested and punished. This is how it will be and it can be no other way," he said from the steps of Parliament.

# Right-wingers gain in Israeli local elections

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 1, (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today said the swing to the right in Israeli local elections showed support for the nationalist views of his Likud Party, which opposes talks with the PLO.

Likud candidates seized control of five key cities from the centre-left Labour Party in what Likud termed a landslide.

Asked if he thought the results on the local level were an endorsement of Likud's hardline stance against talks with the PLO, Shamir told Army Radio: "It is not exactly a referendum or a public opinion poll, but there is no doubt that yesterday's elections proved that Likud is gain-

ing strength."

Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem for 24 years, was re-elected but his One Jerusalem party lost its city council majority due to gains by left-wing parties and a boycott by Palestinians in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem.

Of 80,000 eligible Arab voters in East Jerusalem, fewer than 3,000 cast ballots compared to 12,000 five years ago.

Jewish religious parties grew in strength in secular Tel Aviv, while Muslim fundamentalists showed new muscle in Arab areas, sweeping out the communist mayor and council in Umm Al Fahm, Israel's second largest Arab town.

# Proliferation of parties in Burma

RANGOON, March 1, (UPI): The number of registered Burmese political parties reached 233 today leading to fears the country's first democratic elections in 30 years would bog down because of the sheer numbers.

Burma has traditionally allotted separate ballot boxes for each contesting party, but since 1963 has only allowed the existence of one legal party.

Some political activists have seen the proliferation of parties since political groups were legally allowed to register in September last year as part of a military government ploy to disperse the votes among such a large number of parties that no strong party would emerge to form a decisive government.

# Hijackers go on trial in Moscow

MOSCOW, March 1, (AP): Four Soviets who took a busload of children hostage and hijacked a plane to Israel went on trial in Moscow yesterday on charges that could carry the death penalty.

The four commandeered a school bus carrying 30 children in the southern Russian city of Ordzhonikidze on Dec 1. Soviet authorities gave them weapons, drugs, \$3 million in cash and gold and an Ilyushin-76 airliner to obtain the release of the children, Tass said.

The hijackers flew to Israel, which has no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, but authorities there jailed them and returned them to Moscow.

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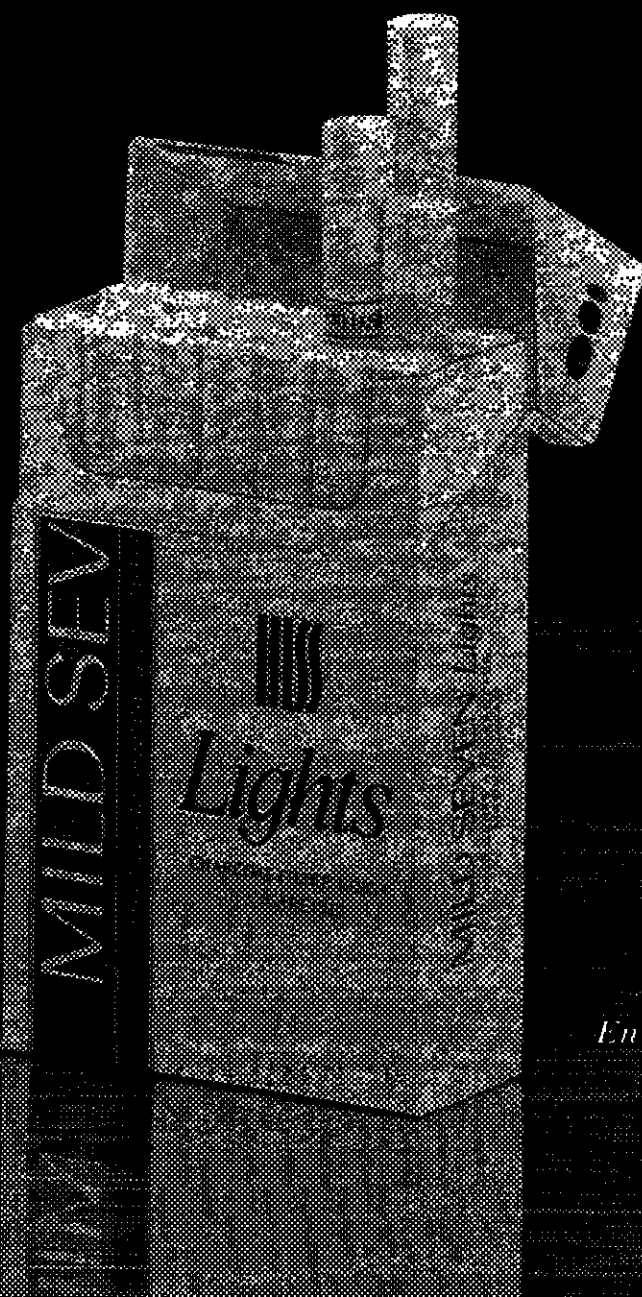
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Health threat

UNITED NATIONS, March 1. (Reuters): A lack of iodine in the diet is a little known health threat for about one billion people world-wide, the United Nations said yesterday in issuing an appeal for funds to tackle the problem.

Old coin unearthed

LONDON, March 1. (Reuters): A British man who found a penny sold it for thousands of pounds sterling (dollars) yesterday.

Woman jailed

LOS ANGELES, March 1. (Reuters): A woman accused of sending 5,000 threatening letters to actor Michael J. Fox was ordered held in jail yesterday after prosecutors said she posed a risk to Fox and his pregnant wife, actress Tracy Pollan.

100 killed in Venezuela riots

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be in effect for 10 days gives police broad powers to arrest and detain suspects, including anyone caught on the streets after curfew without authorisation. It also places restrictions on freedom of movement, speech and assembly.

President gains no new support after a day of lobbying

Bush agrees to all-out fight over Tower

WASHINGTON, March 1. (Reuters): President Bush has agreed to an all-out fight to win Senate approval for his nominee John Tower as defence secretary, according to Senate Republican leader Robert Dole.

Japanese businessman abducted in Laos

BANGKOK, March 1. (UPI): Four armed men stormed into the home of a Japanese trading company executive in Vientiane early today, tied up his wife and kidnapped the businessman, company officials and diplomatic sources said.

Cuba, US clash over UN human rights report

GENEVA, March 1. (Reuters): Cuba said yesterday a UN report cleared it of human rights abuses, but the United States retorted that the document proved the contrary.

Salvador's military declares ceasefire

SAN SALVADOR, March 1. (UPI): El Salvador's military declared a unilateral ceasefire in the country's nine-year-old civil war until President Jose Napoleon Duarte's term expires in June and Marxist rebels yesterday welcomed his offer to meet with them and postpone the coming elections.

Bomb explosion

IRAKLION, Crete, March 1. (Reuters): A bomb blast seriously damaged the offices of the agricultural bank of Greece in Crete today but there were no injuries, police said.

PLO invites frontline Arab states...

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territories. "We do believe that the statements made by PLO ... qualify them for a place in discussions that may lead to peace in the area," he told reporters at Ben-Gurion International Airport shortly after arriving for a nine-day visit to Israel and the occupied lands.

PLO wants serious...

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formal meeting and dialogue," he added. "If the US administration thinks these are the limits of the dialogue, then it is definitely mistaken, because the PLO does not share this view."

Scandal and new tax may force Takeshita to call April election

TOKYO, March 1. (Reuters): A bribery scandal that refuses to go away and a controversial new sales tax could force Japan's ruling party to hold a general election as early as April, analysts and Members of Parliament said today.

block of seats because of public anger over the scandal, which has so far forced three cabinet ministers to resign.

Real power rests with the lower house, which Takeshita must dissolve for a general election before July 1990.

Political analysts said the party could lose a substantial number of seats in an early election, but would be very unlikely to lose its grip on power.

If the party delays an election, the thinking goes, the scandal could get out of control and cause critical damage, especially if any politicians are arrested for involvement.

"It is not a time for the LDP to bury its head in a hole and run away from voter criticisms," said Kunio Hatoyama, at 39 one of the youngest of the party's 297

lower house members.

"Our strength is in realistic economic policies and without that Japan cannot survive. We have to fight (elections) using the fruits of those realistic policies and talk of new ones," Hatoyama said.

Dissolve

One socialist Member of Parliament, Tomio Sakagami, said he believed Takeshita may dissolve Parliament after forcing the budget through in mid-April. "It's pure speculation, but (the election) could be on April 28," he said.

On Wednesday, hundreds of Members of Parliament took advantage of a two-day budget committee session and left Tokyo for their home constituencies, parliamentary sources said.

Japanese businessman abducted in Laos

BANGKOK, March 1. (UPI): Four armed men stormed into the home of a Japanese trading company executive in Vientiane early today, tied up his wife and kidnapped the businessman, company officials and diplomatic sources said.

A spokesman for Mitsui and Co. in Tokyo said Yoshiaki Asao, 61, head of the company's office in Laos, was abducted by several people who broke into his home in Vientiane.

The spokesman said the motive for the kidnapping, the second of a Mitsui executive in Asia in the past three years, was not known.

Diplomatic sources in Vientiane said four men with pistols broke into Asao's house at 2:00 am (1900 GMT), tied up his wife Michiko and the housemaid and took the businessman away.

Confirmed

The Japanese Foreign Ministry said Michiko managed to free herself and informed the Japanese Ambassador to Laos, Teruo Hayakawa, of the abduction an hour later.

An official at the Japanese embassy in Vientiane contacted by telephone confirmed that 14 hours after the kidnapping there was no word on the fate of Asao.

"He is not yet returned," said the official who declined to be identified.

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## Amir receives astronomy and sea sports delegations

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): HH the Amir today received a delegation representing participants in the symposium of Crescent, Timing and Astronomical Technology, during which they congratulated the Amir on the occasion of Kuwait's 28th National Day and expressed appreciation to HH for patronising their forum.

The audience was attended by Higher Education Minister and Acting Education Minister Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan, Communications Minister Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al Sharhan and board chairman of the Scientific Club.

The Amir also received president of the Sea Sports Club who presented to the Amir members of the board of directors of the club, sailors, captains youths and members of the committee that took part in reviving the third memorial day of diving in Kuwait.

The guests thanked the Amir for his support for reviving the diving heritage and safeguarding the memory of the grandfathers, so that the picture will stay in the memory of generations in Kuwait.

Meanwhile the guests presented the Amir with memorial gifts on the occasion, and the Amir listened to their memories about the voyage.

## Rqobah denies barter deal with Iraq

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah has denied that the scheme of linking up electricity between Kuwait and Iraq was a barter deal according to which Kuwait would receive Iraqi water free of charge.

He added, in a statement to a local daily that talks regarding these two vital projects between the two sides will be completed soon.

Rqobah, who is to start an official visit to Iraq during the second week of March, indicated that Iraq has agreed to provide Kuwait with 500 million gallons of water daily from the Tigris River, of which 350 million gallons would be for drinking purposes and the rest for irrigation work.

The minister clarified that the project of linking up electricity with Iraq is an integrated scheme which aims at during the first stage to set up an electricity net between Kuwait and other Gulf Co-operation Council states and later on linking Iraq and other neighbouring countries.

## Agriculture exhibition March 7

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): Chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duayj Al Ibrahim Al Sabah will inaugurate on March 7 the Seventh Kuwaiti Exhibition for Agriculture and Food.

Kuwait International Fair Company's Public Relations Director, Saleh Hamdan said that the exhibition will be held at the International Fairground in Mishref.

Sixty-nine national and foreign companies, institutions and organisations will display their goods in addition to companies from Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland and Turkey.

Meanwhile, Hamdan noted that Kenya will be the first African country to take part in the exhibition.

The public relations official clarified that a Saudi company will also take part by displaying its products.

The exhibition will display all products related to agriculture and food products and advanced irrigation equipment.

## Sabah confers with S. Yemen minister

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today conferred with visiting South Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Dali on the latest political developments in the Arab world, an official source said.

Dali outlined to Sheikh Sabah the outcome of his talks during recent visits to Amman and Damascus, the source said.

The Kuwaiti official, for his part, briefed Dali on the results of talks held here last week between an Arab League committee on Lebanon and Lebanese spiritual leaders.

Dali had the brief meeting with Sheikh Sabah during a stopover in Kuwait as the Yemeni minister was flying from Damascus to Aden.

## GCC foreign ministers to meet in Riyadh March 5

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council would discuss progress of the Iran-Iraq peace talks when they meet in Riyadh this Sunday, March 5, Gulf diplomats said today.

The diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, told KUNA that the six foreign ministers would review developments in the Gulf region with a special emphasis on the Iran-Iraq peace negotiations, scheduled to resume in New York later this month.

Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed would lead the Kuwaiti delegation to the ordinary session, which would sit under the chairmanship of

Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.

The official pointed out that ministers would also discuss Arab issues, particularly the Palestinian question and prospects for holding an international peace conference.

The Lebanese crisis, and the current efforts of the Arab League committee of six seeking an end to the Lebanese problem would also come up in the deliberations.

Committee chairman, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed would report to the ministers on the outcome of the contacts of the Arab League panel, which concluded its second phase in Kuwait last week.



National Day celebrations officially ended yesterday with the lowering of the National Flag which was hoisted on Feb 22 at the Green Island. The flag was handed over to the Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad at a ceremony which was attended by high ranking officials and a large number of people.

## 17 per cent deaths in Kuwait due to traffic accidents

WITHIN the framework of 1989 Traffic Cultural Forum organised by Kuwait Sociologists Association, Kuwait's Road Safety Society held a seminar on the theme of "The Social Dimensions of Traffic Accidents."

Dr Ali Al Tarrah from Kuwait University, speaking at the seminar said that social dimensions of traffic accidents in Kuwait require research which centres on the legal and social aspects of the problem.

Relevant statistics indicate that 17 per cent of mortality in Kuwait resulted from traffic accidents compared to 15 per cent fatal heart attacks. Most traffic accident victims were under 25 years of age.

### Social aspects

The Kuwaiti community witnessed positive financial change, but, other aspects such as values, customs and culture demonstrated no substantial improvement. Accordingly, there is an imbalance between financial and social changes. The

social aspects of the Kuwaiti youth should be discussed carefully as a great number suffer from nervous tensions, the official said.

Dr Laifiah Al Rujuib, Assistant Undersecretary for Social Care Affairs at Kuwait Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in presenting a paper said that traffic accidents rated second to mortality cases in Kuwait. The government sustained human losses in addition to incurring large financial payments.

### Information

She called for adopting a comprehensive informational campaign to eradicate deviations among youths and added the information could play a positive role in this respect.

The research also concentrated on the role of schools towards forming and creating positive values and behaviour. She called on the government institutions to pay special concern to this issue.

## Desalination congress to be held November 4-8 in Kuwait

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): The fourth world congress on desalination and water reuse will be held here on Nov 4-8, under the slogan of "Desalination in a Changing World," it was announced here.

An official at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research told KUNA that the congress is organised by the International Desalination Association (IDA) in co-operation with the working party "Fresh Water from the Sea," Ministry of Electricity and Water, Kuwait Institute for

Scientific Research (KISR), and Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), in addition to Kuwait University.

The source added that the conference will discuss the desalination in total water resources management, feasibility of cost reduction in desalination, operational experience, non-traditional desalination technologies, membrane softening for municipal water supply, and inland desalination and brine disposal.

## Six successful kidney transplants performed in Kuwait last week

KUWAIT, March 1. (KUNA): Hospitals in Kuwait have successfully performed a record six kidney transplant operations last week, including for the first time kidney donations from two donors who had been operated within 24 hours of passing away.

Professor George Abouna, head of the Organ Transplant Department of Kuwait University's Faculty of Medicine told KUNA that families of the deceased had taken the initiative to donate the kidneys of their below 40 ones.

### Record

The kidney donations, Professor Abouna went on, have been in response to a new law issued by Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzaq Youssef Abdul Razzaq.

Professor Abouna, who also heads a private organ transplant centre, added that all six operations, representing a record even for advanced countries, had followed thorough blood tissue tests

on the donors, aged between 14 and 52 years.

The medical expert was full of praise for the families of the two dead donors, saying they have given away parts to save the lives of other patients.

### Lack of organs

Professor Abouna pointed out that a prime reason for inability to perform about 120 annual transplant organs operations needed in Kuwait is lack of organs.

He added that Kuwait has competent medical teams and equipment necessary for organ transplant operations.

The expert, meanwhile, said the department is planning to execute two medical programmes for liver and pancreas transplants, which could cost about \$300,000 for a single operation abroad.

About 40 such operations could be performed annually under the two programmes, Professor Abouna went on.

## Islamic moon sighting council proposed by experts

THE Crescent Images and Astronomical Techniques Symposium called for establishing an Islamic council for legal moon sighting.

The symposium which concluded yesterday after three days of deliberations on sighting the moon, proposed that the council have two members from each Islamic state — one an Islamic scholar and the other an astronomer. It said that the council should hold three meetings every year to determine and unify the sighting of the crescents (new moon) for the months of Ramadan (beginning of fasting) month of Shawwal (Eid Al Fitr or end of fasting) and the month of Zul Hijja (in which Hajj is performed).

### Notifications

The symposium said that the council will be entitled to receive notifications for moon sighting from the different Islamic countries. No Muslim country should announce sighting the new moon

before notifying the Council.

It said that after proving the sighting of the new moon, the council will announce it and all Muslim countries should abide by its announcement.

The council will also exchange views about the rest of the Hijra calendar months. The symposium proposed that the new council be affiliated to the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and be based in the holy city of Makkah.

### Formula

The symposium was held under the patronage of HH the Amir and was attended by Islamic scholars and astronomers from many Islamic countries. The main issue of the discussion was to find a correct formula for sighting the moon using the legal Islamic way and astronomical calculations. The symposium called upon all Islamic countries to accept sighting the moon if sighted in any country in order to unify the Muslim festivals and events.

## Contraband smuggling at Shuaiba Port has decreased considerably, say officials

SHUAIBA is a vital port in Kuwait for ships both berthing and leaving the country.

A local daily conducted interviews with customs officials at the port who stressed that their primary objective is to protect Kuwait's security and prevent entry of any contraband.

They pointed out that most contraband goods are liquor and illegal movies. Smuggling activities decreased compared to the past few years due to stricter measures instituted at the port, the officials said.

The port is open 24 hours daily and inspection men have the right to conduct surprise inspections on any ship.

### Increase

The Assistant Director of the Customs and Inspection Department at Shuaiba Port, Majed Al Falah, said that the port has made every preparation to receive

anticipated increase in ships after the end of the Iraq-Iran war. The General Customs Department has designed a comprehensive plan to complete procedures in the shortest possible time.

All inspectors are trained in the use of modern inspection and customs methods. They have been familiarised with the "modus-operandi" used in the smuggling of explosives, narcotics and other contraband materials.

### Inspection

The Customs Inspection and Censorship Department at Shuaiba Port suffer from a shortage in the number of inspectors. Three inspectors cannot inspect an entire ship due to its big size and the large number of areas that could be used to smuggle contraband. To achieve a maximum and almost ideal inspection, an inspector should inspect a ship three times according to its

size, the official said.

He denied rumours that inspectors permit the entrance of liquor or other contraband materials.

Falah added that new inspection towers with inspectors will be established round the clock in the near future. The General Customs Department is trying hard to facilitate trade operations to preserve the country's economy by a faster and more accurate measure in competing petitions and transactions, he added.

He requested officials to provide customs offices with firearms so they can protect themselves from hostile actions during inspection tours.

The Southern Port Customs Superintendent, Majed Al Shatti, said that customs men are exposed to poisonous gases and atmospheric pollution emanating from nearby factories.

## Arabsat has opened new horizons of co-operation in the Arab world

PARIS, March 1. (KUNA): The "Arabsat" communications satellites opened new horizons of co-operation in the Arab world and offered 20 states liberty in inter-exchange of television news material, reported the aerospace magazine, "Aerospatiale" today.

In a dispatch from Kuwait, Aerospatiale said the Arabsat 1-A and 1-B which were launched in 1985, are now dispensing a TV network, telephone lines and data links from Mauritania to the Arabian Gulf.

One of the main examples of success by the Arabsat project is the "Arab news package" which facilitates the exchange of "electronic news" programmes between member states of the Arabsat organisation.

Head of the news department at the Kuwait Information Ministry, Jumaa Balfain told Aerospatiale that Kuwait Television uses Arabsat every day and rely on it heavily for news programming.

### Events

"Every morning, each member country sends its stories via Arabsat to the co-ordination centre in Algiers, and every afternoon all the news of general interest concerning Arab countries is beamed back in the form of the Arab news package," Balfain said.

"In pre-Arabsat days, requesting the use of an Intelsat Channel meant a 24 hour wait for confirmation. But with Arabsat we get a reply within a few minutes,

obviously a great advantage for us," he added.

Aerospatiale said the satellites broadcast all the big sporting events. Kuwait, for example, receives 82 hours of football a year, religious festivals and other important events of the Arab people.

The magazine said that Kuwait has expressed regret that the Arab satellites are not broadcasting on the S-band which was designed for community reception by three metre dishes.

It said that although several projects have been put forward, the Arabsat organisation has so far been unable to find a user for the S-band.

Like India and Africa, the Arabsat organisation can prepare educational programmes for the S-band for rural areas in the Arab world which cannot receive regular television waves, said the magazine.



A giant sweet potato weighing around 25 kilos was found growing wild at a farm in the neutral zone near Khafji. The sweet potato was accidentally found by a farmer Hamed Abdulhadi Al Shethan who said he found it while digging on his farm. The estimated growth period of the sweet potato is five months. (Photo by Saud Al Farhan)

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

### Incentives to Bahraini farmers boost food production

AGRICULTURAL development has made considerable progress in Bahrain, particularly after the country's independence in 1971, thanks to the government's extensive efforts of introducing modern technology and providing a number of incentives to farmers to boost food production. Consequently, the total area under cultivation and the number of cash crops grown have increased significantly, boosting the island's food production over the last few years.

Before the discovery of oil in 1932, agriculture was one of the chief sources of livelihood for the people of Bahrain after pearl diving and fishing. But with the advent of industrial growth and modernisation the industry declined dramatically. The prospects of other economically attractive vocations, following the oil boom and the general change of living standards among the younger generations, further exacerbated the agricultural sector. The constant shortage of water also curbed the growth of this once vital industry.

### Revitalises

However, in the late seventies the government in co-operation with FAO launched an ambitious scheme to revitalise agriculture and boost food production by importing modern farming methods and through a policy of "subsidised farming."

In an interview with the Arab Times, Sadiq Al Alawi, assistant undersecretary for agriculture, reviewed Bahrain's agricultural history and development and highlighted the government's plans to boost the industry.

Scarcity of water and fertile land constitute the major drawbacks of agricultural growth in Bahrain. In view of these factors the government formed a special bureau in the late seventies to study water resource in the island for agri-business activities.

### Balance

"Our aim is to maintain a balance between production and resources. We wish to see reduction of costs in farming and reduction in water consumption without affecting environment factors," said Alawi.

In the last decade the government imported substantial advanced farming technology. Modern methods of irrigation (drip irrigation, green houses), drainage system, modern machinery, fertilizer, pesticides, variety of seeds and new exotic breed of animals were brought in to develop the industry with the aim of boosting food output at lower costs.

### Subsidy

According to Alawi the government's policy of granting large scale subsidy to farmers over the last twenty years was aimed initially to provide farmers with incentives to increase production and to encourage them to work without financial and bureaucratic burdens. At one stage the government provided subsidy for all vegetable crops, 90 per cent for seeds and about 50 per cent for the import of fertilizers.

"Our aim is not to subsidise indefinitely. We want farmers to now take the share of the responsibilities of buying machinery and other required raw materials. In essence we would like to see government help being reduced as the farmers take over running the industry increasingly on their own. Eventually, we want to see the total involvement of the private sector in the industry," commented Alawi.

### Potential

The assistant undersecretary added that Bahrain has the potential to grow any kind of crop. But because of the limited water resources and vast expenses that may be incurred, cultivation is given priority to cash crops in demand in the island.

He said "seasonal farming" is now being implemented throughout the country, whereby cash crops are being cultivated throughout the year. For instance, summer crops are grown in winter.

### Vocation

Future development plans include the utilisation of increasing sewage effluent water for irrigation. Plants have already been built in this connection at Ist Town, Rifaa and Artill. By the year and another one will be operational of Buail.

Agriculture as a vocation is becoming increasingly attractive among the new generations of Bahrainis, thanks to the combined efforts of both the government and private sectors. The country can boast of a growing number of agricultural graduates among its nationals. Special courses on agri-business are taught at both school and university level.

Although Bahrain will never be totally self-sufficient in food production, in view of its small size and limited water resources, its agricultural sector has come a long way in increasing food output of high quality as well as succeeding in revitalising an important industry of the country.

## 100 wooden classrooms demolished in Ahmadi

THE Director of Ahmadi Educational Area, Abdullah Al Loqman said that the area had demolished 100 wooden classrooms. It is now implementing a plan to transfer students from densely populated schools to other less crowded schools.

In an interview with a local daily, he added that students at intermediate and secondary stages now studying in wooden classrooms will be moved from Sabahiya schools to Abu Halifa schools. The area plan also includes increasing the number of students from 35 to 40 per classroom. Schools to be established in the future will include 35 classrooms instead of 25 to compensate for the removal of wooden classrooms.

### Understanding

He called for more co-operation and understanding from parents towards the area plan calling for moving their sons and daughters to other schools to avoid crowding in classrooms.

Parents of students with poor averages are contacted on a regular basis to review their performances. Nearly 5,000 students have benefitted from this monitoring process, the official said.

## Company guarantee for telephones no longer valid: Sharhan

GUARANTEES issued by private sector companies for their employees making foreign telephone calls are no longer valid, according to a new organisational decision issued by Abdullah Al Sharhan, Minister of Communications.

Henceforth, only bank guarantees valid for two years for an amount of KD500 or a deposit of KD500 to be submitted by the applicants will be entertained.

For the external service to be

provided to shops, the bank guarantee or the cash deposit should be KD1000, according to the ministerial decision.

With regard to the ordinary telephone service, the annual subscription will be KD30.

It added that the decision came within the framework of the ministry's plan to preserve state funds. The written undertakings submitted by companies to guarantee telephone bills of their employees had proved unfeasible.

## Civil Service Council decision will negatively affect real estate market: economist

ABDUL Rida Khorshid, one of Kuwait's leading economists said that the implementation of the new Civil Service Council decision, cancelling government housing for newly appointed employees, will have a negative impact on the local real estate market and cause it to deteriorate.

The decision has adverse effects and opposes the general

directives towards reviving national economy. It is obvious that real estate and rents will be affected according to the fundamental economic law stating that an increase in demand causes a drop in prices, the official said.

He said that the new decision, taken without consulting local real estate owners, will also affect other relative economic sectors.

The existing problem of empty flats will further deteriorate and cause huge financial losses.

The general economic situation is the lead cause for deterioration of the real estate market. Additionally, the Central Bank's decision of last December calling for an increase in profits led to more stagnation regarding selling and buying real estate, the official said.

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EVENTS

# A rich display of handmade objects

A DASH of creativity has turned hobbies into a paying pastime for more than 60 women who are now taking part in a handicrafts exhibition at Kuwait's Regency Palace Hotel.

The art objects give a glimpse of what women can do if they set their mind to creating something.

Sixty ladies from Kuwait, India, Pakistan, Egypt and Iraq are showing handicrafts ranging from water-colours, painting on ceramic and glass, water-colours on silk, pottery, dried flower arrangements to bangles, brassware and silver jewellery and semi-precious stone jewellery. Kuwaiti, Turkish and Indian sweet and savoury food are plus points for those who want to spend a morning out.

Seven male artists, like Jassim Al Ramzan, are displaying paintings, mostly of Kuwaiti scenes and pottery.

Most women like Omeed Saleh, Fawzia Memon, Shamima and Hussa Rashed took up the handicrafts as a hobby in the last couple of years, learning their craft in Paris, India and Kuwait from experienced teachers. Except the painters, all the others are having the first public display of their work.

Though most handicrafts are beautiful, some of the most exquisite are lacquerware by Watfa Abdel Hadi.

Watfa uses the French "decoupage" technique and Arabian calligraphy to decorate the vases and decoration pieces she is showing.

Decoupage, an ancient old art, is based on form, design and fine technique. Introduced to Europe in the 15th century, it was taken by Portuguese and Spanish travellers to Japan and China. In recent years it was introduced to Egypt by Laila Safawat, from where Watfa picked it up. She now wants to spread it in Kuwait.

Exhibition organiser Soad Al Arfaj, a Kuwaiti, is displaying beautiful handmade semi-precious stone and silver jewellery.

Soad said she got the idea of an exclusive handicrafts show after seeing handicrafts in the homes of her friends and colleagues. "Many of my friends added a touch of individuality to their homes with art objects made by them. I wanted more people to see what women can do in their spare time," she said.

Soad feels that most women "while away their time" and should take up a creative hobby to better use their time.

The exhibition was opened by Sheikhha Sabiha Ahmed Al Sabah. It will be open today and on Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.



Soad flanked by Sheikhha Sabiha and Watfa admiring the lacquerware on display.



Silk flowers on show.

● All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaiikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait**  
Al Jahra Pharmacy  
Awkaf Bldg, Fahd Al Salem St.  
Al Bakhsamy Pharmacy  
Rased Bldg, Ahmed Al Jaber St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Ikhlash Pharmacy  
Opp. Andalus Cinema, Beirut St.  
Fahahel and Ahmadi  
Al Khaleel Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Rabee'a Bldg, Mujammah St.  
Khalifa  
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy  
Raj'an Commercial Centre, South St.  
Jahra  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Da'bil Al Khizai St. nr. Dept of Education
- Salmiya and Rumaythiya**  
Al Rased Pharmacy  
Amman St.  
**FRIDAY**  
Kuwait  
Al Istiqbal Pharmacy  
Safat Square  
Al Amal Pharmacy  
Opp. Comm. Market, Mubarak Al Kabir St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Zena Pharmacy  
Hasan Jarallah Bldg, Ibn Khalid St.  
Salmiya and Rumaythiya  
Hiba Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahahel and Ahmadi  
Al Adil Pharmacy  
Awadhi Bldg, Dabbous St.  
Farwasiya  
Al Huwaila Pharmacy  
Mustawaf St.  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg, Matafi St.

## CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus**  
Gharum Al Afayi (Arabic)  
Starring: Laila Alwi, Sabirin, Salah Qabil, Hisham Abdul Hamid
- Al Salmiya**  
Closed
- Al Hamra**  
Cherry 2000  
Starring: Melanie Griffith, David Andrews
- Drive-In**  
Mo'arakah Al Nakib  
Nadiya (Arabic)  
Starring: Suhair, Sabri, Karam Mutawa
- Fahahel Open-air**  
Pyar Kiye Jaa (Hindi)
- Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Bint Min Dahab (Arabic)
- FRIDAY**  
Al Jahra  
Rambo III
- Granada**  
Pyar Mohabbat (Hindi)
- Salaabikhat**  
No Dead Heroes
- Al Jleeb**  
Paap Ko Jala Kar Raakh  
Kar Doonga (Hindi)

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

- KTV 1**
- 9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial  
9.45 Tum Tek and Children  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.30 Variety Show  
11.00 The Last War Horse: English feature film, starring Olivia Mountaine  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.45 Songs and Music  
2.30 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focusing on local and world sports  
4.45 Cartoons  
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 From People's Art  
7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events  
8.30 With Islam: hosted and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madkhour  
9.00 News  
10.00 Shabakat Al Talfizyon: TV window, presented by Abdul Rahman Al Najjar  
10.30 Al Abqari Wal Hub: Arabic film, starring Farouq Fishawi, Iham Shahin, Mahmud Al Jundi, Huda Ramzi  
12.15 Akhtarna Lakum: We Present...  
1.15 News summary  
1.20 World today via satellite/ Holy Quran/Closedown
- FRIDAY**
- 9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.45 Children's Magazine followed by songs and music  
10.15 Faez Al Tush: Arabic serial  
11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa:  
11.15 Friday prayer and Friday sermon  
12.00 Alwan  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.35 Varieties  
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwali  
3.30 Cartoons  
4.00 Hindi Feature film, starring Leena Chandravarkar, Sanjeev Kumar  
6.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.00 News Summary  
7.45 Good Evening followed by local news  
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: with Sheikh Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 News  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Amsiya Al Juma: local show  
11.30 News Summary  
11.35 World today via satellite  
12.00 Holy Quran/ Closedown
- KTV 2**
- 6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial  
6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: "The Snow Queen"  
7.30 Face to Face: local talk show hosted by Ali Noor. An interview with Ahmad Deedat will be shown.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Oldest Rookie: "An Internal Affairs' Affair"  
9.40 Incredible Sunday: Incredible sportsman; artist and acrobats are featured in tonight's show.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Captain". A pirate tale.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown
- FRIDAY**
- 4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children.  
4.30 Italian Football  
5.30 American Basketball  
6.30 Star Trek: "The Arsenal of Freedom"  
7.30 (not announced)  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games.  
9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait.  
10.00 The Charmings.  
10.30 The Equaliser.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown
- Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



● Long-staying guests of Kuwait International Hotel saw the spectacular display of fireworks on National Day from the hotel's rooftop. The guests were invited to a reception by the hotel management to celebrate the occasion. Above: some of the guests at the reception.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

- Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Mills will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salmiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.
- Sultan Gallery**  
AN exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Mounirul Islam is open at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St., daily except Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.
- Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.
- Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
- Arabian Gulf St.**  
**Tarek Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
- Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

### MUSIC

- Red Army Choir**  
MARCH 4/5: The Red Army Choir and dance ensemble will perform at the Andalus Cinema, presenting music, dance and ballet with a selection of folk dances, Cossack and Armenian; plus choral singing. Tickets available at the Andalus Box-Office.
- Beat Concert**  
MARCH 31: A beat concert featuring the Perfect Strangers will be held from 10 am at the Sharq Co-operative Hall. For details call Anthony D'Souza or Arjun Gehi. Tel: 2631826 or 2663693.
- Sounds Great**  
A REVUE directed by Ken Winston will be staged from



● Cossack and Armenian dances will be performed by the Red Army troupe on Saturday and Sunday at the Andalus Cinema. Above: some members of the troupe.

March 31 to April 4 at the UAS, Salwa. A casting meeting will be held at the Sunshine School, Salwa, on March 4, 8 pm. Actors, actresses, singers and dancers required. For details ring 5740256/7 or 5625316.

### EXHIBITION

- Bengali Book Show**  
BENGALI books written by Bangladeshis are still on show at the Bangladesh embassy in Jabriya. More titles are likely to be displayed this week.
- Higher Education in Britain**  
MARCH 11-15: The British Council presents an exhibition on British Higher Education. It will feature information on all aspects of higher education in Britain. A group of senior staff from Scottish universities will attend the exhibition. For details contact Education Advisor Kate Harries. Tel: 2520067.
- Modern Kuwait**  
UNTIL March 8: The Kuwait University's Art and Culture Department is holding a photographic exhibition on "Modern Kuwait" at the College of Commerce, Adaliya.

### SOCIAL

- KAPILKU**  
MARCH 3, 4 pm: The Filipino association in Kuwait,

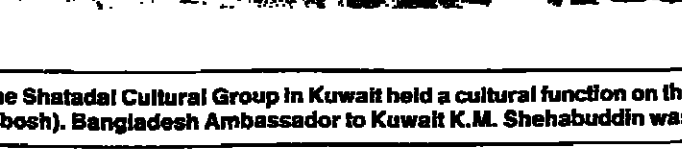
will hold an officer's meeting at Holiday Inn Hotel. The KAPILKU night at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Andalus Club, from 5 to 10 pm on Friday. A sing-alike contest and a singing competition will be held. Entrance - KD.2. For details call Sarah Macarim-bang. Tel: 4843447.

**KALPAK**  
MARCH 3: The Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association in Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold a variety show to launch their activities. The programme will be held at the

Indian embassy hall from 4.30 pm.

**Daniella Rally**  
MARCH 3 (Friday): Daniella, the Danish association in Kuwait, will hold the annual family car rally. For registration and details call Karen-Marie - Tel: 3715146.

**German-Speaking Cultural Association**  
MARCH 5: Sunday, 10 am. The association holds its regular monthly coffee morning at the Holiday Inn Hotel. All German-speaking ladies are welcome.



The Shatadal Cultural Group in Kuwait held a cultural function on the occasion of Martyrs Day (Shahid Dibosh). Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait K.M. Shehabuddin was chief guest at the function.

- Gala Dinner**  
MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call 4831339; 5393151.
- British Tea Party**  
MARCH 10: The British Tea Party/animal fun day will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel from midday with fun stalls, animal-painting competition, children's super-star contest, soccer and basketball, Leo's magic and other events. For details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.
- Contest**  
MARCH 11: The next meeting of the ladies information group will be held at 10 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Please note change of venue. For details call 3720197; 4874513; 5388105.

### SPORTS

- Marshals Meeting**  
MARCH 3: Marshals meeting at 5 pm in the KT Club to discuss 10th Kuwait International Rally. All newcomers welcome.
- Kuwait Run**  
MARCH 3 (Friday): A team of eight runners will run from Abdali (Iraq border) to Nuwaiseeb (Saudi border). The 246 km run has been sponsored by Messilah Beach Hotel and Arab Times. Come along and support the team. They will reach the Seif Palace at about 9 am and will follow the coast road to arrive at Messilah Beach Hotel (11 am), Fahahel (along Expressway) at 1 pm and then onto Nuwaiseeb.

- Mini Rugby**  
MARCH 3: Training game recommences on Friday at the Ahmadi ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-Rugby finishes at 11.30 am. For details call Hugh McAree - 532-6368 or Geoff Bennett - 5332683.
- Twinn Centre**  
MARCH 4/5: The Twinn Centre will hold its second annual one-day seven-a-side football festival at Al Soor Grounds. This will be followed by their second inter-village nine-a-side football tournament, beginning April 8. For details contact organisers.
- Fun Run**  
MARCH 17: 30 km fun run for teams of at Messilah Beach Hotel. Commences at 10 am. Registration is strictly limited. For details call Hugh McAree - 5326368 or Jon Evans - 5339867.

- Carom Tournament**  
MARCH 5: A memorial carom tournament will be held in Farwaniya. To take part call Fernandes: 2423690, 9 am to 12.30 pm or contact Babit at Al Soor ground on Friday morning.
- Danish Darts Tournament**  
MARCH 17: Daniella invites all Danes to take part in a darts tournament. It will be held from 4 pm at Gazelle Club. Please register before March 8. Tel: Annette - 3723413; Ingile 3715637.
- Aerobic/Yoga/Swimming**  
AT Kuwait International Hotel: Aerobics for ladies from 6 to 7 pm every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.  
Yoga every Sunday and Tuesday from 8 pm to 9 pm and on Friday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.  
Swimming starts March 6-22, Saturdays, Mondays, Wednesdays. For details contact the hotel's recreation manager Colin Hall.

### PRAYERS

- Fajr 4.53 am  
Zuhr 12.00 noon  
Asr 3.20 pm  
Maghreb 5.49  
Isha 7.05
- FRIDAY**  
Fajr 4.523 am  
Friday Prayer 12.00 noon  
Asr 3.20 pm  
Maghreb 5.49  
Isha 7.06

## New Yardley products launched



John Frith, Regional Manager for Yardley recently held a press conference at the Sheraton Hotel to introduce three new editions to the Yardley product range. English Lavender and Rosemary, English Lavender and Thyme and the third is the launching of a new romantic fragrance called Pink Lace.

## OBITUARY

We express our profound heartfelt sympathy & condolences to

**MR MOHAMMED SALEEM**

On the sad demise of his beloved

# MOTHER

May her soul rest in eternal peace

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY  
Computer Services Staff



## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

UNDOUBTEDLY, the desire for food has been, and still is, one of the main causes of great political events — Bertrand Russell, English philosopher-mathematician (1872-1970).

## China gives Bush a slap in the face

By Guy Dinmore

BEIJING, (Reuters): China gave President Bush a slap in the face by stopping a leading dissident from attending his farewell banquet and clearly demonstrated its resolve to quash any internal dissent, diplomats said on Monday.

Chinese leaders had each made it clear to Bush during his hectic two-day visit they would not tolerate instability in China or interference from other countries.

Bush told his hosts at Beijing airport at the end of his visit that he regretted police had prevented Professor Fang Lizi from going to the Sunday dinner.

Bush "expressed his regret" to Vice-Premier Wu Xueqian and asked the US ambassador to China to follow up the matter, a US embassy spokesman said.

"I think the government does not like my opinion on ... more democracy, freedom of speech and freedom of thinking," said Fang, an outspoken supporter of political reform who was expelled from the Communist Party two years ago.

Chinese officials declined immediate comment on the incident and state-run newspapers made no mention of it on Monday.

"It was a great visit," the embassy spokesman said when asked what impact the affair would have on Sino-US relations.

Western diplomats said Bush, a former US envoy to China, had seriously offended his hosts by inviting Fang and two other dissident intellectuals to a Texas-style barbecue which was attended by several hundred guests including Chinese President Yang Shangkun.

"Their response was a slap in the face for Bush," said one diplomat.

Asked to comment on the bad publicity China had brought on itself, another envoy said: "When it comes to the security and integrity of the Chinese state ... they are willing to ignore these international considerations."

"The combination of dissidents and Tibet is a worry. 'Releasing chaos under heaven' is a great fear for them," he said.

## 600-ship fleet—US Navy's fading dream

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The crunch in US budget spending and shifting American defence priorities are combining to sink the Navy's dream of a 600-ship fleet.

Despite a record \$2.5 trillion peacetime defence build-up under former President Ronald Reagan, the Navy has not reached its 600-ship goal. Defence experts say, and Pentagon officials concede, that it may never be reached.

"The goal certainly remains valid. But we are concentrating now on maintaining 15 carrier battle groups. They are the key (to surface power)," said Commander Mark Baker, a Navy spokesman.

Baker and other defence officials told Reuters, however, that expected budget cuts in 1990 and possibly beyond could mean that the number of battle groups that escort aircraft carriers may have to be reduced.

Before he left office in January, former Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci decided to order the early retirement of 16 older US frigates to save money and manpower.

He told Congress in January that the move, along with fiscal constraints and other factors, would "postpone achievement of the (600-ship) goal beyond the turn of the century."

At Sept 30, 1988 — the end of the fiscal year — naval strength stood at 565 ships, up from 479 before Reagan took office at the beginning of 1981.

The Navy is currently building 15 ships and had asked for another 20 in the fiscal year 1990. But ships are also being retired, and President George Bush has agreed to slash \$6 billion from Reagan's 1990 Pentagon budget request of \$315.2 billion.

One senior defence official, who asked not to be identified, said that in future the emphasis may have to be on a smaller Navy

quoting an ancient Chinese saying.

Diplomats noted that official newspapers highlighted comments made to Bush on China's need for internal stability.

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping pointedly said he hoped "foreign friends" would understand it was extremely important for China to have a "stable environment."

Without this, China's successes under reforms he launched 10 years ago could suffer reverses, the 84-year-old leader said.

Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang — seen as Deng's eventual successor — told Bush "China did not copy other countries' systems," according to headlines in the party newspaper People's Daily.

Zhao gave what came across as a lecture to Bush on how a small minority of people in China advocated Western-style multi-party democracy as a pretext to stir up social unrest and oppose China's reforms.

Zhao, 69, attacked unnamed people in the United States who supported Chinese dissidents.

In recent months Chinese leaders have had to face mounting problems amid speculation that a power struggle is building up within the party, diplomats said.

Among some of the major issues confronting the leadership are widespread concern over inflation and rampant corruption, continued pro-independence demonstrations by Buddhist monks in Tibet and a petition launched this month by leading intellectuals calling for a political amnesty.

"The historical fear of the state being in disorder is very potent in China," the second diplomat commented.

But while delivering a harsh warning to their political opponents, Chinese leaders also underlined the importance of continued good relations with the United States while moving towards a normalisation of ties with the Soviet Union.

"Doubtless Bush's China visit will play a positive role in furthering Sino-US friendship and facilitating the cause of world peace and development," the official New China News Agency concluded in a commentary.

## Don't hate others

SIR: This refers to AM's provocative letter "Malayalees do any type of job" (AT, Feb 23-24). AM appears to be spending sleepless nights thinking over the improper Malayalam accent and straining all his nerves.

The observation that Malayalees accept any type of job proves that the writer is irrational. He does not understand the dignity of labour. It is a blessing rather than a curse the Malayalees are not prejudiced against certain types of jobs.

If English accent as envisaged in the letter is the criterion to become decent secretaries then unemployment in the West could be solved overnight by sending all English-speaking Westerners to the Gulf countries, to work as "decent" secretaries and if this happens, AM himself stands to lose his job as he seems to be an

Indian. English is a very widely and differently spoken language; Irish talk in a different way from the Scots and the Australian accent is totally alien to the New Zealander's although all these people are native English speakers. No language is free from dialects and dialects evolve when the same language is spoken with different accent by different people. In a larger sense it could be argued that both English and Malayalam could be traced to a common ancestor — Sanskrit.

Compare the English words sister, brother, father, mother with their Sanskrit equals swasav, brathav, pitha and matha and the numerals three, eight and nine with the Sanskrit three, astha, nava and so on.

Since the Malayalam accent is still very close to that of Sanskrit there is nothing wrong if the Malayalees maintain the original form and if we start hating communities on grounds of accent, colour or way of talk and appearance then as Guardian put it "the gutters of the streets would be full of blood every day." Only pseudo-Indians could attack and insult fellow communities.

K.M. John, Safat.

## Malayalees are unique

SIR: I refer to AM's letter "Malayalees do any type of job," (AT, Feb 23-24).

It is of no use for AM to get indignant about these people whose English, spoken with Malayalam accent, seems alien to him. Who else among us comprehend different languages, use them, and merge with alien cultures?

AM should not waste his time and energy for this type of

criticism, instead he should use his talents for survival in this competitive world.

Thomas Cherian Vaidyan, Salmiya.

## Keep public areas clean

SIR: I want to bring to the notice of the Municipality that every Friday thousands of bachelors gather in front of the Ministry Complex behind Awqaf building No. 2408, Al Helali Street and use this public area as lavatory, making it completely dirty and unhygienic. This area smells of urine throughout the day and night.

Many municipal officers must have passed through this area but no one has ever cared. In keeping in line with the public cleanliness campaign, I hope the concerned authorities will do the needful to keep this area clean.

F.F. Hussain, Safat.

## Bonus for employees

SIR: Zahed Matar's comments in the Arab Times not only benefit the people in Kuwait but also helps the government in taking clear and effective decisions.

Through Zahed Matar we want to bring to the attention of the government that the bonus announced for government employees should be linked to grade and family size instead of social and children allowances. A large number of special contract employees who draw consolidated salaries and no additional allowances should also benefit.

Bashir Basra, Safat.

## Extend deadline

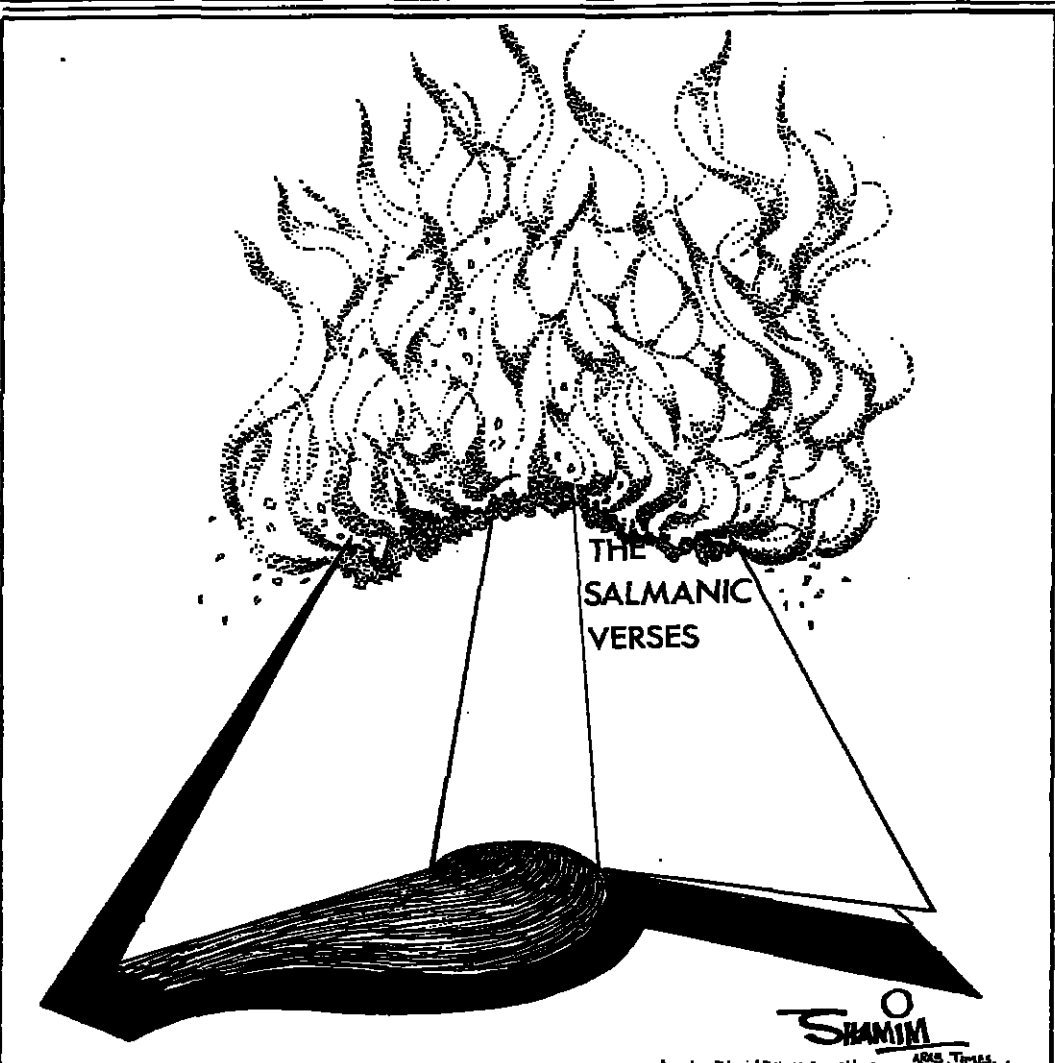
SIR: I request the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to postpone the imposition of new



labour regulations for the private sector as many will not be able to change sponsors before March 22. I hope authorities will extend this deadline by three months.

A.C. Rajan, Safat.

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By Moses Manoharan

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Controversy over Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses*, has sent shock waves around the world — but in India it has added fuel to age-old tensions between Muslims and Hindus.

India has 100 million Muslims in a mainly Hindu population of more than 800 million and was last year among the first countries to ban *The Satanic Verses* on the grounds that it could offend Islamic sensibilities.

But the ban on the Indian-born author's work failed to prevent riots in the past week which killed 13 people in India.

"A delay in imposing the ban could have resulted in the worst riots since independence (from Britain in 1947)," said Salman Khurshid, a member of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's ruling Congress Party and a key figure in the campaign against the book.

Security forces are on alert across the country to prevent even a small-scale repetition of the Hindu-Muslim riots which killed hundreds of thousands of people after independence and the subcontinent's partition into India and Pakistan.

"There has always been since 1947 a level of tension in parts of India between Muslims and Hindus, and Muslims and the police. It takes only a small issue in those parts to spark trouble," said

## Rushdie adds fuel to Hindu-Muslim tension

Khurshid about the riots in Kashmir and Bombay.

In the Bombay riots on Friday, police shot dead 12 Muslims at a protest rally that was turning violent. One man died and several were injured in earlier riots against the book in India's Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Seven others have died in Pakistan in violence related to protests against the book.

Muslim leaders have blamed the deaths on police using excessive force, echoing complaints made after Hindu-Muslim riots in 1987 in the town of Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state.

Deaths

There was strong evidence to suggest paramilitary police were responsible for deaths and disappearances during the Meerut clashes, the London-based human rights group Amnesty International said in a report two years ago.

The government denied the charge, but a series of electoral reverses in Uttar Pradesh and surrounding areas of northern India in the past year confirmed fears that Congress support among Muslims has waned considerably.

The loss of Muslim votes could cause Rajiv's defeat at general elections scheduled for this year

in the same way his mother Indira lost power in 1977, said Sharafat Khan, secretary of the Muslim Integration Council in Bombay.

In 1977 many Muslims abandoned Indira because of her controversial family planning programme they felt was aimed at reducing their population.

"In the next general elections, it could be the threat to the very existence of Muslims which could send the Congress out of power," Khan said.

Riots

Khan said two Muslim concerns at the next elections would be communal riots and threats to their religion, highlighted by a dispute over a shrine at Ayodhya.

An impending court decision on the shrine, also in Uttar Pradesh and claimed by both Hindus and Muslims as a place of worship, could decide Muslim support for the Congress.

The dispute flared in 1986 when a lower court ordered the re-opening of the gates of the Ayodhya shrine, locked for 40 years to prevent trouble between the two communities.

Hindus claim the site as the birthplace of their god Ram and demand removal of a mosque built there by India's 16th-century Moghul conquerors.

Muslims have threatened to launch national protests over the issue.

Confrontation

One basis of the social and religious tensions between the two communities is economic confrontation, said Pran Chopra of the independent Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi.

Indian Muslims have traditionally been poor, but cash sent home by thousands of Muslim who flocked to the Middle East in the 1970s has brought them into competition with Hindus in some parts for the first time since 1947.

Right down the ages from Moghul times, religious and economic antagonisms have formed two parts of the conflict between the Hindus and Muslims," Chopra said.

He said the influx of money from the Middle East has aggravated the economic conflict and communal clashes had led to the increasing polarisation of the population.

Khan said Rushdie's book, denounced as blasphemous by Muslims the world over, had now been added to the existing tensions — and the Bombay and Kashmir riots showed just how deep those tensions ran.

## Red Cross brings crutches and voice of conscience to Kabul

By Oliver Watts

KABUL, (Reuters): It takes more than the threat of a vicious civil war to drive the Red Cross out of Kabul, where it struggled for seven years to gain a foothold.

The Swiss-based organisation now provides top-class hospital treatment, crutches for the crippled, and above all a nagging voice of conscience for both the government and its rebel opponents.

"I tell you frankly that I don't know what the future will bring," said the Red Cross's dynamic chief delegate Jean-Jacques Fressard. "But the people of Afghanistan need us and we cannot stop any of our activities for too long."

Virtually all Western states, fearing for their diplomats' safety, closed their embassies before a final Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan on Feb 15.

The International Committee of the Red Cross sent 23 non-operational staff to New Delhi. But 40 more stayed, most of them Swiss, by far the largest group of Westerners left in Kabul.

Peace

And after nearly two weeks of peace and quiet in the Afghan capital, the 23 are returning.

"We have a duty always to prepare for a worst-case scenario but it did not happen," Fressard said, referring to Kabul's peaceful return to the hands of the Soviet-backed regime.

When it began fitting artificial legs and issuing crutches and wheelchairs just under a year ago, it drew 1,600 patients in three days. The waiting list stretches until 1991.

"We guess that there are already some 20,000 amputees in this country," Fressard said.

"When the refugees come back from Pakistan and Iran, we know that there will be more, maybe hundreds, maybe thousands."

The comfortable Red Cross hospital in a converted private house has 50 beds but a new 100-bed ward is ready for when the 10-year-old civil war hot up again.

"We only take war-wounded, that is what we are here for," said nurse Esther Stebler, 31, from Basel in Switzerland.

Problem

"Mines are a big problem but we also have gunshot wounds to the chest, explosions, rockets, frostbite, reconstruction surgery and so on. You have to have a surgeon in a place like this."

One small boy was badly burned when a box of military flares, used to deflect rebel anti-aircraft missiles, exploded while he was playing with it.

There are nine expatriate nurses and two three-person surgical teams, one from Finland, the other from Britain.

"We are exactly the number we need. Nobody can afford to get sick," Stebler said. Since it opened on Oct 1 last year, the hospital has trained its own Afghan staff.

"We could not take away the few medical staff there are in Afghanistan," she said. "You are 'killing' all day long, explaining everything 200 times, it's very tiring. Some people hardly understand English and we have to turn them into good nurses."

Afghanistan is overwhelmingly Muslim, which brings its own problems. "You can't expect the local nurses to wash a man, we have to do that ourselves," Stebler says.

Some women patients are loath to take off the burkas.

estimated 96 per cent in 1988), leaving a nearly \$700 million trade deficit.

The Sandinistas have virtually abandoned the once-favoured working class as they try desperately to jumpstart the productive sector. In June, the government laid off nearly 10,000 state workers and cut guaranteed prices for vegetables paid to farmers. Even more damaging was the removal of food subsidies for the poor.

Today, more than 21 per cent of all working-age Nicaraguans have no permanent employment. And for those with jobs, the typical wage is \$8 a month, enough to buy just 20 per cent of one's basic food needs.

Even as the poor get squeezed, the government is bestowing privileges and incentives on large agricultural exporters and trained professionals in the sprawling state bureaucracy. Some bureaucrats now receive free housing, household goods, coupons for the "dollar" store, even Toyota Cressidas — Nicaragua's new symbol of success.

Embellished

Such favoritism, with 50-per cent cuts in most social programmes, have embittered several pro-government unions and long-time Sandinista supporters.

"The Sandinistas have turned this into a revolution of the elite," says a bitter ex-government worker who plans to migrate to the US. He says Sandinista commandantes, top bureaucrats, and, now, traditional exporters are all getting rich from what was supposed to be the "people's revolution."

It's no different than (in the era of dictator Anastasio Somoza), he says, "except that you have a different set of people robbing the poor."

But many economic experts say the austerity programme

represents Nicaragua's only hope for surviving its seven-year war with the US-backed Contras, an unfavourable international commodities market, and last October's \$840-million hurricane damage.

"It could be seen as a backward step, but it is necessary for the very survival of the revolution," says Mario Arana, an economist for the Managua-based Regional Co-ordinator for Social and Economic Investigations, a pro-government think tank.

Differences

"The programme does tend to accentuate class differences," Arana continues. "But if Nicaragua is going to modernize, who's going to do it? The bureaucratic class. So they need some privileges," he says, often just to prevent them from emigrating.

In 1988 alone, nearly 3,000 professionals fled, compared with an average of 1,000 per year the eight previous years, according to the government-backed National Council of Professionals. Most were escaping the economic crisis, which has left the average professional with a subsistence-level salary of \$40 a month.

The Sandinistas have not chosen a market-oriented — some even say "capitalistic" — solution because of their changing tastes. "They are forced by circumstances, not ideology," says one Latin American diplomat. "So how do they resolve the dilemma? They give (the private sector) more economic space but not political space."

Indeed, while its economic programme seeks to encourage large private producers and other exporters, the government has used tough political rhetoric and actions to maintain its militant support.

The Christian Science Monitor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1502 — Prince Ferrante of Naples is sent to Spain as prisoner.

1503 — Venice signs treaty with Turks, abandoning Lepanto but retaining some Ionian Islands.

1678 — French forces of King Louis XIV capture Ghent and Ypres in Belgium.

1776 — US Marines fight first battle, capturing British fort in Bahamas in revolutionary war.

1801 — War of the Oranges with Portugal is declared by Spain.

1815 — Dominion of Kandyan provinces, within British empire, is formed in Ceylon.

1909 — European powers intervene to prevent Serbo-Austrian war.

1949 — US B-50 Superfort plane lands at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing first nonstop flight around world.

1955 — Egypt and Syria sign defensive alliance.

1956 — France recognize independence of Morocco; Pakistan decides to stay in British Commonwealth; Jordan's King Hussein dismisses General J.B. Glubb from command of Arab Legion.

1962 — General Ne Win overthrows Premier U Nu in Burmese military coup.

1972 — US spacecraft Pioneer 10 is launched on mission to explore environs of planet Jupiter.

1975 — Terrorist bombing of bus in Nairobi, Kenya, kills 27 people and injures about 100.

1986 — Iran charges that Iraqi warplanes dropped chemical-laden bombs on Kurdish village of Banah in northwestern Iran, causing many civilian casualties.

1988 — Poland's Communist Party acknowledges "manifestations of anti-Semitism" in nation's 1968 purge of intellectuals and liberals.

Handwritten text in Arabic script: "مكتبة محمد بن عبد الوهاب"



ONE of the things that seems to have gotten Sen. Tower into so much trouble is the fact that he worked as a consultant on defence contracts. He is supposed to have made \$775,000 at this job. What does someone have to deliver to earn this kind of dough? I couldn't guess, so I asked another defence consultant, Roy Chardonnay, to tell me exactly what people like him did for that sort of money.

"It's too complicated to explain," he said. "You would be much better off if you came with me on my rounds. My first stop is the office of Flaming Aviation, that keeps me on a \$250,000 retainer. Whenever they have a problem, I come running."

An hour later we were in the offices of Scotty Hoopster, CEO of Flaming. He was pacing up and down.

"I don't understand those SOB's in the Pentagon. We gave them the finest plane that money could buy, and now they want a rebate because there are cracks in the wings. Roy, should we go public and attack them for this?"

Chardonnay referred to a loose-leaf book he was carrying. He read:

"There is so much good in the worst of us. / And so much bad in the best of us. / It hardly becomes any of us. / To talk about the rest of us."

Hoopster looked at Chardonnay as if he

## The Art Buchwald Column

### The consultant

couldn't believe his ears. "Is that your advice?"

"Yes, I'll fax it to you tomorrow."

Hoopster continued, "We're not just talking about money, Roy. We're talking about criminal charges. The Pentagon said we kept two sets of books on the job. If the attorney general goes after us, we're sitting ducks. What should I do about that?"

Roy opened his notebook again. "If you can keep your head — when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you; If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you; but make allowance for their doubting too; Or being lied about don't deal in lies, or being hated, don't give way to hating; And don't look too good or talk too wise. If..."

Hoopster shouted, "Will you shut up and give me a game plan? We've got two weeks before the grand jury convenes. Now, Roy, you know how things operate in this town. Do we stonewall like Ollie North, and use the national security defence policy, or do we make a deal with the Justice Department? I don't think we've got a prayer to beat

this one."

To my amazement, Roy went back to the loose-leaf book once more. He read aloud, "Somebody said that it couldn't be done/ But he with a chuckle replied/ That 'maybe it couldn't' but he would be one who wouldn't say so/ till he tried/ So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin, on his face/ If he worried he hid it/ He started to sing as he tackled the thing/ That couldn't be done and he did it."

"What the hell does that mean?" Scotty wanted to know.

"I'm only here to give you advice. I'm not going to tell you what to do. If you want me to go further, it will cost you another \$100,000."

"I do want you to tell me what to do. Here's a cheque."

Roy stood up and looked directly at Hoopster, "If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill/ Be a scrub in the valley — but be/ The best little scrub by the side of the hill/ Be a bush if you can't be a tree/ If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass, and some highway happier make; If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass, / But the liveliest bass



in the lake."

Hoopster was deeply moved. "I don't know how I'll ever be able to thank you, Roy. Nobody in my organization has had the guts to tell me what you just did."

"You need someone from outside who isn't emotionally involved," Roy told him.

When we got out of the building, I said to Roy, "You really helped him by giving him the big picture. Now I can see why you get paid so well."

He shrugged his shoulders. "The only thing you have to sell when you're a consultant is your brains." 1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

## Seeking out the weird and bizarre

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON (UPI): A new television show and book on "curious houses" proves again that there's anything bizarre in Britain. Lucinda Lambton — who is more than a little bizarre herself — will find it.

Two of her earlier books were photographs of peculiar toilets.

Another, called *Beastly Buildings*, depicted weird structures built for animals — a Grecian temple for pigs, a pyramid for poultry, a stable so beautiful its owner held a banquet in it.

As she shows again in *An Album Of Curious Houses*, Lambton's inestimable service is to discover physical proofs of British eccentricity — like a Victorian fish's grave or bracelet made from the thighs of flies — which are there for anyone to find.

Now she has uncovered houses built inside a church, a tree house up its tree for 300 years, a doomed smoking room built under water, houses triangular and circular, houses bizarre and beautiful, houses decorated with unspeakable adornment.

Pixie-faced Lambton, 46, is a photographer. For 22 years this "not entirely uneccentric" daughter of a lord — her father owns three castles — has been in tireless pursuit of the weird and the bizarre.

She puts her discoveries into

**A Grecian temple for pigs, a pyramid for poultry and a stable so beautiful its owner held a banquet in it! These are the things that occupy the life of a 46-year-old British eccentric who has put her discoveries in the books and a television show.**

books, like her new "Curious Houses," (published by Chatto & Windus). She makes TV specials about them with a burbling, utterly uninhibited style which is all her own.

In "Houses" TV show recently she clambered onto the roof of a herring watchman's hut, her hair wildly unkempt, and stood there madly waving flags while hallowing strange strangulated cries.

Critics strain for words to describe her "madcap commentaries of shrieks, belly laughs and exclamation marks" or "gurgling gales of laughter and joyous abandonment of the conventional."

Some people think she's slightly mad. Others think her a national treasure. In the very first sentence of "Curious Houses," Lambton writes:

"The first sight of Mount Stuart on the Isle of Bute in Scotland makes you shout with delight. Few others would be so moved, but Lucinda seems to shriek aloud at anything peculiar.

decorated in the oriental style, built both underwater and underground."

Wright, a man after her own heart, once sent a traction engine to fetch a huge Italian fountain which the railway refused to transport. When the traction engine "came to a bridge that it could not pass under, (he) ordered that the road be lowered until it could."

Lambton equally delights in Pitchford Hall, a vast 400-year-old timbered manor, whose late owner took up residence in a tiny tree house which has been there at least since it was depicted in a 1714 painting. This aristocratic lady, her dress and makeup weirdly exotic, shouted her wants through a megaphone to her butler on the lawn far below.

Lambton especially admires the "almost lunatic quirkiness" behind Horsley Towers, a mock castle of Bavarian splendor rising from a moat in Southern England, built in the mid-1800s by Lord Byron's son-in-law.

She dotes upon "the gnarled and crumpled-up facade of the jungle," phantasmagoric 1820s front wall which now conceals a "magnificent modern mansion" of almost equal peculiarity.

Dozens of her discoveries, Lucinda Lambton says with typical verbal emphasis, "could drive one into an aesthetic delirium, an ecstasy." She finds so many wondrously strange things, she cries, that her "life is such a joy."

## In Paris, dogs dress as well as their masters!

By Elizabeth Ricci

PARIS (UPI): In the fashion capital of the world, Marie Poirier has found a niche that also caters to another French passion — the poodles, terriers and other pooches that ride the subway, stroll the Champs Elysees and frequent some of the world's finest restaurants.

A trend-setter in canine fashion, Poirier specializes in designing outfits for dog and master who enjoy dressing alike in stylish raincoats, matching ski parkas or identical faux furs.

"Everything I create for dogs follows the latest fashion trends," Poirier says of the embroidered collars, custom-tailored rain slickers, parkas and designer sweaters displayed in the dog boutique, one of her two Paris shops.

"But I also make sure that whatever I create is in good taste and comfortable for the dog."

For example, her 150-franc (\$25) set of four snow boots — not available for masters — protects the wearer's paws from salt used to melt winter's snow and ice.

Poirier says business is booming, hardly a surprise in a city that offers dogs plenty of opportunity to show off their style.

**The French penchant for designer fashion extends to the canine world as well. Business is booming at Marie Poirier's boutique which specializes in designing outfits for dogs and masters who enjoy dressing alike in stylish raincoats, matching ski parkas or identical faux furs!**

Motocyclists pack small dogs in leather cases under the steering columns of their bikes. Hotels often quote a rate for dogs.

"Dogs have a very important role in France," Poirier says. "The French have a very humane side to them. It's not like in the United States, where show dogs are kept inside almost their whole lives. In France they live like we do — they have normal lives."

Canine life does involve a few constraints, especially in the crowded capital, where an estimated 300,000 dogs coexist with 2.1 million people.

Parsian dogs are supposed to be trained from puppyhood to use the gutter for waste deposits, a practice that received official backing seven years ago during a one-year, citywide "teach him the gutter" campaign. Violators can be fined 600 francs (\$100), but the law is rarely enforced.

A squadron of 80 municipal pooper-scoopers rides alongside the city's 1,550 miles of sidewalk on motorcycles with vacuum devices to clear the gutters.

Poirier claims she is the city's only high-fashion designer for dogs.

"Of course there are plenty of other shops that sell articles of clothing, but many are imported. They don't custom-design their own styles."

She proudly displays photographs of a televised fashion show last year featuring her look-alike designs for dogs and teens — brightly-colored rain slickers parading down the runway on both two and four-legged models.

Yorkshire terriers were enjoying tremendous popularity 12 years ago when Poirier launched her career at an international dog show in Germany, where she showed her first collection — a small, light-weight canine carry case with matching dog coat and leash. The collection drew orders from as far away as the United States and Japan, she said.

Designed Poirier then turned her attention to medium-sized breeds, designing a piece of four-wheeled luggage with a pulling strap. The pet, secured by an interior leash, can sit back and observe the surroundings through clear plastic walls.

"This is designed more for the dog who is suffering from spinal

cord problems, since most dogs prefer to be outside," she said.

More recent designs include the kangaroo pouch for small dogs and puppies, an adaptation of pouches used to carry newborn babies, and a water-repellent cover-all for owners to wear while bathing their animals.

The owner of three dogs and two cats of her own, Poirier said her work began as a labour of love.

"I looked around ... realised that certain dogs, such as long-haired yorkshires, were prisoners of the snow or rain because it messes up their coats and then makes a mess in the home."

She says she has turned down a few requests as too extravagant, such as a pair of real fur coats for pet and master and a punky dog suit trimmed with nails.

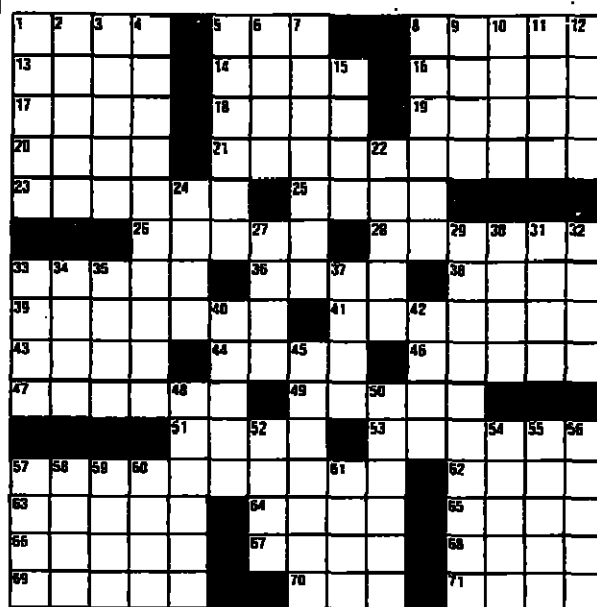
Poirier updates her styles every six months. Rain coats, dress coats and parkas range between \$30-75. Hand-knit sweaters sell for \$33-66 and dog carry bags go for \$46-200.

For the dog who has everything, Poirier also sells toothpaste for 54 and canine eau de cologne — available in both feminine and masculine scents — for \$16.50.

Poirier says business is so good that she plans to open a third, larger shop next year.

"Who knows? Maybe some day I'll sell my products in the United States," she said. "I bet jogging suits for dogs would be popular here. I tried them here, but people just didn't consider them practical enough."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Cordage fiber
  - 5 Call — day
  - 8 "George Washington — Here"
  - 13 "— want for Christmas..."
  - 14 Revolve
  - 16 Forbidden
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  - 18 — in the wood
  - 19 Chris of tennis fame
  - 20 Poetic foot
  - 21 Ships' entryways
  - 23 Camembert
  - 25 Earth sci.
  - 26 Famed WW II riveter
  - 28 Something to toss
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  - 43 Indigo dye
  - 44 Snead's need
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  - 49 — Street
  - 51 Dickens girl
  - 53 Strait
  - 57 Wall Street meeting place
  - 62 Dende; mock
  - 63 Stan's partner
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  - 2 Islamic god
  - 3 Viscous mud
  - 4 Lobo
  - 5 Semblances
  - 6 Garb for Livy
  - 7 Punisher
  - 8 Actress Stevens
  - 9 Volcano's output
  - 10 Scrooge, for short
  - 11 Sausage ingredient
  - 12 Little ones
  - 15 Rim
  - 22 Oater pursuers
  - 24 Arias, usually, e.g.
  - 27 Cato's road
  - 29 Forest cut-up
  - 30 Confused
  - 31 By — of (effort)
  - 32 City
  - 33 African republic
  - 34 Director Clair

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠7 ♥KJ93 ♦AQ10762 ♣AK  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 2 ♥

Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

A.—There's no scientific way to probe for any of the key cards you need for game. As little as the queen of hearts or king of diamonds could be enough for game, so you might as well up and bid it. Four hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠632 ♥10873 ♦954 ♣AQ9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?  
A.—As responder, it's your responsibility to guide your side to its best spot. The quality of your support is not as important as the combined length of your side's trump suit. You know partner has at least five spades, but he might have only four clubs. Correct to two spades.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠962 ♥AK8762 ♦KJ9 ♣7  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass ?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ERAT BRENT RIGS  
LAME RELAY ETAB  
SPARTACKLE SALLA  
ATTRACTED TELLY  
ALE ICENI  
TRACES OF OCTADS  
WOMEN BLEW NEO  
TOEST IAN TIGER  
SER ATMO TSERE  
TOILER ESTELLES  
CALIF ASA  
CRAZY EASTINDIA  
LONI ENGLANDING  
ETTE ACTOR EDNA  
MOOR TESTS ROSS

What do you bid now?

A.—Your side has at least an eight-card spade fit, while you do not know whether partner has any hearts at all. Since your combined assets should be enough for game, and you have an adequate fit, bid four spades.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠762 ♥854 ♦AKJ108 ♣63  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?  
A.—If you're an avid point-counter, you will claim that with 8 HCP you have enough only for an invitational raise to two no trump. That does not take into account the playing strength of your diamonds. You rate to provide four or five tricks for partner, so your hand is worth a raise to three no trump.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠QJ93 ♥AQ76 ♦J105 ♣74  
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?  
A.—If you and your partner play limit raises, this is an acceptable jump to three hearts. But if that would be forcing in your methods, you have to make a temporizing bid of one spade and then jump raise hearts at your next turn. That secondary jump is no longer forcing.

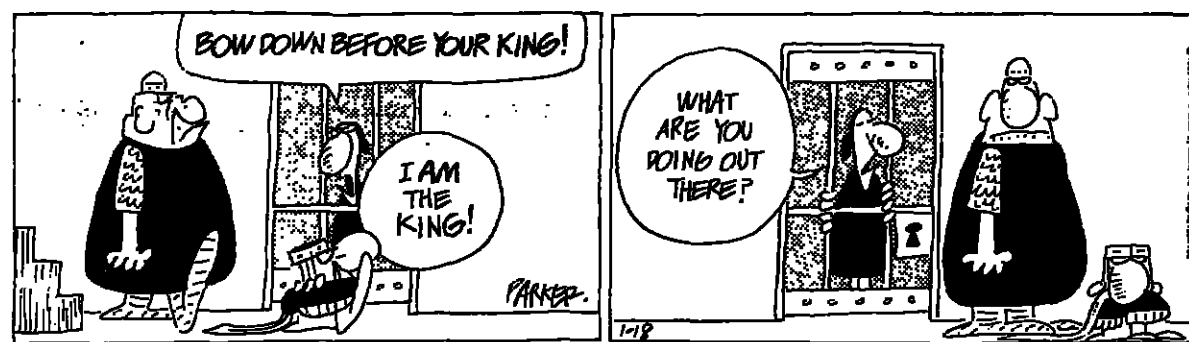
Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AJ98 ♥K63 ♦Q82 ♣AJ107  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—You have the values for game, but don't even think about three no trump with such a tenuous diamond stopper. Since partner surely has five hearts on this auction, go straight to four hearts. Don't worry about your balanced hand—partner's holding is unbalanced.

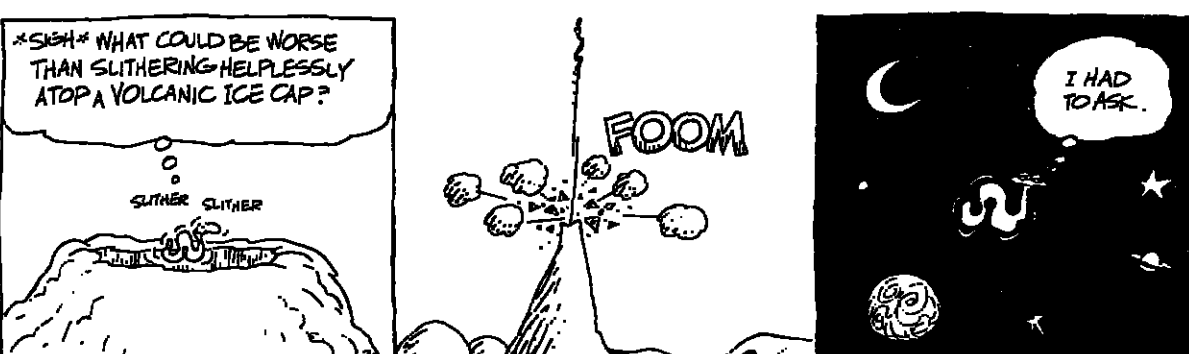
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel more sure of yourself and will consequently be able to make good progress. You should avoid becoming involved in a matter that is of no real concern of yours. Avoid getting into an argument and keep away from controversy about politics or religion. Be tactful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Nothing will go quite as you would have liked. However you will see how to make the best and most of things. You should not act on the spur of the moment or on impulse. Be objective.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Little by little you will be able to overcome a streak of nervousness and a bout of anxiety. You should leave yourself with enough room for manoeuvre. Do not accept things quite at their face value. Be cordial.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The better influence of the Sun coupled with that of Mars will help you to avoid coming into conflict with your colleagues. You should do all you can to keep things simple and to simplify matters. Your health will need careful attention. Be generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to make the most of a good opportunity. You will not be able to achieve by force what you have been unable to do by persuasion or charm. You should take a little more regular exercise. Be sensible.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

By and by you will overcome some initial confusion. You will have to make some changes in your planned procedure: they will be changes for the better. Keep calm. Be resolute.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You are on the right track. Do not permit yourself to be dissuaded. You should try to exercise a little more goodwill and use a little more commonsense. Listen to good advice. Be magnanimous.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A friend will have a good idea: do not be too proud to admit it. The Moon's influence will help to improve your mood. You will know better how to deal with an old problem. Be reliable.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to make up your mind. Not everything will be to your liking but you will be able to make the most of things. Do not trust to luck just now. Be pertinent.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A good idea will help you to deal with a rather unusual situation. You should avoid eating more than you know is good for you. Do not permit a hobby to take up too much of your time. Be consistent.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Mercury's better influence will help you to avoid a trap. 3 and 49 are your lucky numbers. You will suddenly perceive the correct solution. You must not shirk your responsibilities. Be frugal.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will need to overcome a certain amount of nervousness. You will know what needs to be done in the circumstances. You will be able to accept criticism and make changes in its light. Be sincere.



## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times



It could be goodbye for Sri Devi (right) and Mithun in Guru.



Chunky (right) seems displeased with Meenakshi and Bindu in the romantic tale Tadap.

## Variations on an oft-repeated theme

AS the plots of some forthcoming films are revealed to us, there is a gradual feeling of being let down once again. When will Indian films break away from the stereo-typed and hackneyed themes?

One expects new fare from new films as is the case in Hollywood and other film centres, but 'Bollywood' does not follow these norms. And the worst part is that these new films are being attractively labelled and packaged for contents that are of an inferior quality.

Two or three films which have just been seen reveal an interesting pattern. Something unusual was expected from K. Vishwanath's Eshwar, with Anil Kapoor taking a new kind of hero image. Here he is a good-hearted but mentally retarded youth, in a small town. The sole reason for his existence is to help others. He finds a suffering widow thrown out along with her son. So he gives them support, goes through fire and water to take their side and enters into an unconventional marriage with the backing of his old grandmother.

This is fresh reformist thinking for a Hindi film. But then, routine villainy comes in the form of his uncle, who eyes his property and this leads to the usual lathi fight.

## Character

The point is that if a new character is created, then it must be faithfully sustained. This can be done only by avoiding familiar repetitions. There is no need to make him "godly" enough to be called Ishwar. A hero as a good human being is far better. Anyway, a similar role has already been performed to perfection by Kamalhasan with Sri Devi in a Tamil film, re-made as Solva Sawan with Amol Palekar. Neither Amol nor Anil have been able to reach Kamal's heights as a semi crippled and a dither-headed creature.

Still, Eshwar is credited with some merits, by breaking new ground with a new heroine, Vijay Shanti, giving an old man's garb to Anil breaking some pet traditions, and playing on emotional values. For Anil Kapoor too it is a chance to show his histrionic talents as a man growing out of a mental cocoon.

This cannot be said, however, of Mithun in Umesh Mehra's Guru, another title of supremacy for the hero. Here he keeps the viewers in suspense about being either a dedicated police officer or an enemy agent.

Story

As a bonus there are two Sri Devi in the film. She has a double role and a dozen different disguises, hair styles, contact lenses, etc. It is evident that the director wants to make a song and dance about it rather than tackle a taut narrative.

And there is hardly much in a crime story, where the mother wants to make the hero into a great cop, whereby he joins the force by fraud, default and a secret arrangement, while his heroine veers between being a good and a bad girl. Even technical razzle-dazzle can't hide such a tale.

A whole crop of new films are on the verge of release. They come in attractive packaging with fancy labels, but underneath the gloss it's the same old formulas repeated once again. Will Indian films ever break out of the quagmire?



Vinod Khanna: playing a toughie in Sanjay Khan's Surazmeen... while Sunny and Shekhar Suman try the same in Tridev.



Ram Lakhan declared a big film but an average success has recycled the Deewar design of two brothers and a good mother. The two are on the same side of the law, for a change, but one is worse than a smuggler in cop's clothing. This hero's mischievous pranks, songs and titillations are supposed to fill the gap of a good new story. It seems Subhas Ghai needs some lessons from the great ones like Cecil B. DeMille, Hitchcock or even Mehboob Khan before grabbing the title of a great showman.

The plot patterns of Ram Lakhan will, however, be blindly followed by many films to come, because there are no writers with imagination and no producers with guts.

Sohanlal Kanwar's Tadap is another cock and bull yarn about

a dancer-doctor Meenakshi and Jack-of-all-trades Chunky who drives himself blind to help her and win her, while sub-plots and sub-characters hover all around them.

## Bid

The film is making a desperate bid to make Chunky a solo hero, since the only other one in support is the namby pamby Shekhar Suman. Yet, parallel hero roles are again coming in vogue, with the two men as friends, foes or brothers.

Jagdish Sidana (husband of Padma Khanna) is completing Sher Dil which has two such characters played by Dharmendra and Rishi Kapoor, aided by Anita Raj and Kimi. A peep into how film makers prepare their paperwork is evident from what Sidana says: "I selected two

actors. Then I evolved a story line that would carry them right through. I tossed the idea to my scriptwriter... and bingo, my screenplay was ready. The writer gave me three versions of the same script and we finally selected one. No further comment needed to add that it is a lost and found story of two children.

Yet another tale of two goondas, two rival groups and lots of fights is Deepak Sareen's Ranbhoomi. Shatrughan Sinha and Jeetendra are the main players but a third twist comes in the form of Rishi Kapoor as a wanderer, who preaches non-violence but has to sacrifice himself. Rishi is obviously drawn in the image of his late father, who did a similar role for his own dacoit drama Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behi Hai. Don't be surprised if Laxmikant-Pyarelal churn out similar songs too and Rishi sings them with a 'dafli' in hand, like *Ab ab laut chale*.

Sanjay Khan's feature film Surazmeen (which he was making apart from the TV serial Tippi Sultan) also has two powerful men played by Vinod Khanna and himself. These two clash and want to destroy each other. Unknown to them they are brothers and the mother is like Kunti in Mahabharat. Moreover, she herself does not know who is the legitimate son and who the other one is. Then there is a peace-loving guru, played by Anupam Kher, whose wise words try to remove hate from the hearts of the two men. All this is set against the colourful panorama of deserts, so that the ethnic show would hide the weak point of the story.

## Spectacular

Gulshan Rai's son Rajiv Rai is also making another big spectacular Tridev. Many stars are involved, since a big banner means big money, whatever the role may be and even if the director has a flop like Yudh to his credit. So Sunny, Jackie, Naseeruddin Shah, Madhuri, Sonam, Sangeeta and Anupam Kher are playing the roles, but the story is of the usual crime thriller type. Three men come together to fight against law-breakers.

But then they begin to break their own laws. To avoid any accusing fingers of plagiarism, the director says: "It might resemble something, because all films tend to resemble something or the other."

Raj Sippy's Mahadev with Vinod Khanna is again about a hero, in the image of Lord Shiva, who successfully fights against exploration of the poor by anti-social forces in a small area. (The whole film has been shot in Ooty).

With a comparatively small set-up, a film called Shadyatra with Hema Malini, Raj Babbar, Supriya and Alok Nath, shows a woman journalist, an honest cop, a rape victim and the evildoer who has to be brought to book. The director Rajen Johri frankly calls it a commercial story of crime and law. Another crime story is Anand Gauravji with Raj Babbar taking a political stance.

## Crazy love life

If film mags are to be believed, an actress can juggle with two lovers and also manage a husband at the same time. One magazine linked Deepti with Nana Patekar and another hooked her up with director Sudhir Mishra. Meanwhile, she is also running a Bombay-Delhi marriage with director Prakash Jha. Innocents may well wonder how with all this activity she finds time to act in films and also produce her own film aided by the N.F.D.C.

## Moon Moon Monroe?

Star apparel, like Marilyn Monroe's gown, being auctioned off and sold at high prices is an Hollywood concept. A bit of it is now being copied in India. Moon Moon Sen's pink dress was recently sold at a charity auction held by a diplomatic service. But Moon Moon is no more Monroe. So the gown only fetched Rs1,000. The buyer prefers to remain anonymous.

## Violent fan clubs

Fan clubs of Southern stars have started a new violent game. They forcibly want to put up House Full boards and get a run of 50 or 100 days for films of their idols. If the collections are not good and theatre owners refuse to do it, the fans run riot, damaging cars and causing harm to distributors and exhibitors. The stars get away by saying that they know nothing of it. In any case, this should set no example for the fan club of Amitabh or any other star.

## Spoil - sport Shatru

Shatru Sinha is against celebrating birthdays on sets in studios. So poor Shekhar Suman and his wife looked foolish as they came all decked up on the sets of Ranbhoomi, in which Shekhar has a small role. Sinha kept the birthday cake waiting and then went away. Later, he preferred to cut his own cake in the company of his wife and children.

## Romantic controversy

The up and coming starlet Archana Joglekar has been dragged into a romantic controversy with director Dilip Shankar, who made Katalchakra and is now doing Aatank Hi Aatank. The poor girl has just signed one or two big films and she will only harm her career by such scandals. If she herself encourages them further.

## Behind the screen



Bhagyashree: making a final bow



The Kapoor's celebrate Rima's wedding.

## Sri Devi's setbacks

Sri Devi has been meeting one setback after another. The fate of Joshilay was 'pre-known' and Main Tera Dushman is no great shakes. She has been dropped by a political party, after the futile campaigning for her father, when her presence brought crowds but not votes. And her

legal squabble over the kiss with Mithun in Guru has made her unpopular in the industry. Will her pairing with Mithun break up finally?

## Brotherly concern?

It was at Feroz Khan's orders that his ex-wife Sundari's party

was awkwardly disrupted by his brother Akbar Khan's raving and ranting. What they objected to was a divorce giving a jolly party and spoiling the children in Feroz Khan's house. But nobody asked if the brothers behave decently in their own life. Akbar's affairs with Ranjeeta and others who got ditched are well-known, while Feroz carries on with a young air-hostess, never thinking of his own young daughter Laila.

## Merry Kapoors...

Raj Kapoor's widow Krishna was supposed to be in mourning at least for a year. Then why did they rush the marriage of daughter Rima (once engaged to Kumar Gaurav) with businessman Manoj Jain? And then too, a quiet ceremony, would not do. They had to celebrate it full blast with a gala party for the industry.

## ...and quarrelling Kapoors

The most sincere and ardent fans of R.K. feel that the best tribute which his (quarrelling) sons can pay to him is to drop the making of Henna. For if they attempt it, they will make a mess of it and R.K.'s soul will be even more restless.

## One-movie wonder

Bhagyashree, the new discovery, has willingly decided to be a one-movie wonder of Main Pyar Kiya. She will make her bow and bow out. Why? The wise girl knows the heart-breaks of the film industry. Today they run after her saying "madam", "madam". But her royal blood cannot bear the thought of running after film producers with "sir", "sir".

## Rekha perfume

In the past, we had several French and European perfumes coming under fancy names. Now we will have a Rekha cologne and Rekha lotion. A Non-Resident Indian who loves the actress deeply wants to make her famous and even immortal in this way. We hope the whole scented affair does not raise a stink.

## Generous Kapoors

After the success of Tezaab, Anil Kapoor and brother Boney presented a brand new Mannu card to producer-director Nishu Chandra. But bitchy industry people raised eyebrows. Was the gift given by Anil because Chandra made a hit or because he agreed to cut the roles of other artists?



Feroze Khan (right) with his dejected daughter, Laila.



Archana Joglekar: romantic links may harm her career

FAMILY DOCTOR  
BY DR ALAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: One of the most frightening things has happened to me. The whole left side of my face fell down, and I can't even smile. My doctor has diagnosed this as Bell's Palsy and assures me that I'll soon be better, but I need more information. Will you please help me?

ANSWER: When an entire half side of a face suddenly becomes weak and unresponsive, the most common cause is Bell's Palsy, the result of pressure on the facial nerve. Although the cause is unknown, it's felt to be a viral or immune disease in which the facial nerve swells within the ear bone causing a pressure that damages the nerve.

A number of tests are usually performed to assure an accurate diagnosis, including a hearing test, a balance test, a taste test, X-rays to locate infections, tumours or other abnormalities in the bone, and an electrical test to check the function of the nerve. Once these tests have been carefully performed, the diagnosis of Bell's Palsy is relatively easy. And in many cases, so is the treatment, for complete recovery within several months invariably follows partial facial paralysis.

## FACIAL NERVE BELIEVED INVOLVED IN TEMPORARY PARALYSIS

Physical therapy to maintain the tone of the affected muscles is often recommended. Since the ability of the eye to blink is affected, the cornea of the eye may become dry from lack of lubrication and develop an ulcer. Closing the eyelid with your finger from time to time can help, and the frequent use of artificial tears also may be recommended.

It may be necessary to place a patch on the eye temporarily to protect the delicate corneal tissue, and the use of glasses to prevent dust particles from blowing into an eye unprotected by a blink reflex is also a good tip. Remain calm, and the chances are you'll be fine in a few months.

QUESTION: Could you please discuss the meaning of the word "demyelination" as it refers to nerve disease. Thank you.

ANSWER: "Demyelination" is a process we see in nerve disease where the insulating sheath that covers many nerve fibres, called "myelin," is either injured or degenerates because of lack of oxygen, toxic agents or metabolic disorders.

Myelin is composed of layers of

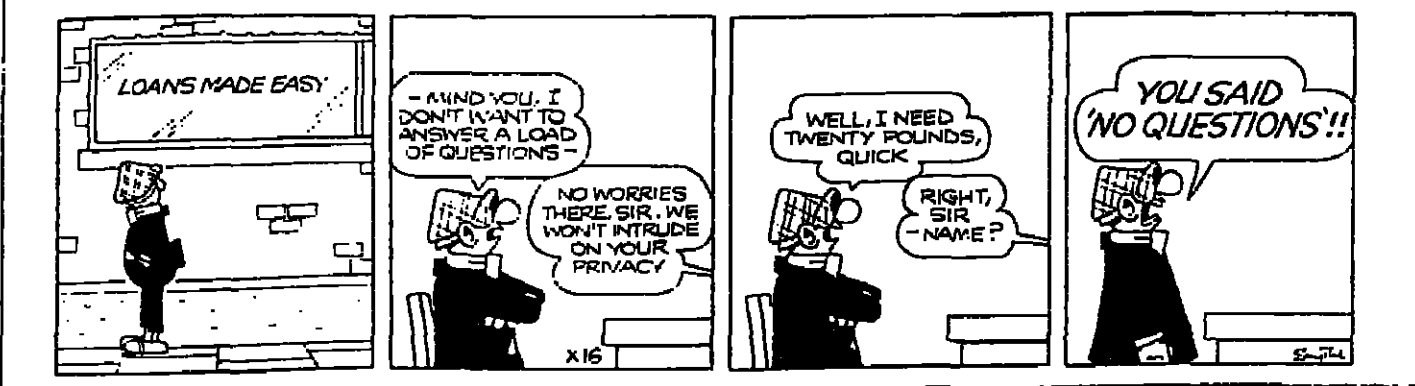
lipoprotein (fats and protein combination) and promotes the transmission of the electrical nervous impulses along the axon of the nerve. When the myelin degenerates, the axon dies, and the impulses can no longer prompt muscles to work, or carry the sensory sensations to the brain.

Some types of metabolic congenital disease, such as Tay-Sachs, Niemann-Pick and Gaucher's Disease, affect the developing myelin sheath, causing widespread neurological disease. When demyelination occurs in the central nervous system as a basic cause of several diseases, they are known as primary demyelinating diseases. Multiple sclerosis is perhaps the most common of these. In many cases, the myelin can regenerate and repair itself with the return of nerve function, or remission. Unfortunately degeneration can recur with the pattern of disease exacerbation and remission being common. It's difficult to know from your letter exactly what you wish to know, but I hope this information is helpful.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Cost-price process gathering force

## US eases controls on technology exports to China

WASHINGTON, March 1, (Reuters): The United States has eased its restrictions on a wide range of technology shipments to China, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

It said the relaxed export restrictions, reflecting closer ties with China, would include trade in telecommunications equipment and electronics and precision instruments.

The department said the eased export controls followed agreements by the Co-ordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), formed after World War II to curb the exports of advanced technology to communist nations.

**Changes**  
Undersecretary for Export Administration, Paul Freedman, said, "The changes reflect recognition by the United States and its COCOM allies of the continuing improvements in relations with the PRC and our

willingness to support improvements in China's civilian industrial sector."

He said that China's \$370 billion economy, growing at 10 per cent a year, needed basic technology to meet its development needs and market objectives.

The new export regulations, which have also been eased in recent years for technology shipments to other communist countries, lift many of the administrative controls that had delayed or prevented American exports.

**Restrictions**  
The Commerce Department had long advocated eased restrictions on the export of some technology but had been opposed by the Defense Department, which had feared that some new technologies could be used for war-making purposes.

Department officials argued, however, that much of the technology restricted by US regula-

tions was readily available from other developed countries and the restrictions only injured American exporters.

In addition to telecommunications and electronic and precision instruments, controls were eased in trade in metalworking machinery, chemical and petroleum equipment, electrical and power-generating equipment and chemical and petroleum products.

Meanwhile, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, warning inflationary pressures may be gathering force in the US economy, said Congress should reduce the huge budget deficit if it wants to help lower interest rates.

"The large increases in producer finished goods and consumer price indexes in January could be early warnings that the cost-price process is gathering force," Greenspan told the Senate Budget Committee yesterday.

The government reported that inflation began to gather speed in the final quarter of 1988. The news heightens pressure on the Fed to further tighten credit in order to curb inflation, particularly in light of early data that showed both consumer and producer prices jumping in January.

**Price**  
The Commerce Department said yesterday the implicit price deflator, a broad gauge of inflation that measures price changes in total economic output not just consumer goods, rose at a 5.3 per cent rate between October and December and not by 4.7 per cent as it estimated a month ago. The deflator was up by 4.7 per cent in the third quarter.

Inflation gathered speed even though the economy slowed down to a two per cent annual growth rate from 2.5 per cent in the third quarter. For all of 1988

the economy grew at a brisk 3.8 per cent rate after inflation.

The Fed chief told Congress the revisions in fourth-quarter gross national product, the nation's total production of goods and services, were technical and contained "no new significant economic information...that would be of concern one way or the other."

**Evidence**  
But private economists said the report provided further evidence that the underlying inflation rate was climbing at the end of the year.

"We've got more of an inflation problem today than we've had since the early 1980s," said Aubrey Zaffuto of IBI Schroder Bank and Trust Co in New York.

The Federal Reserve has been pushing up interest rates since last March in an effort to slow economic growth and curb the inflationary pressures Greenspan said were building up.

Greenspan said large deficits contribute to the problem. "They (deficits) tend to put inordinate strains on financial markets and they directly fuel excess demand on resources," he said.

If Congress succeeds in lowering the deficit, which is expected to top \$163 billion year, "the balance restored to financial markets would be impressive and interest rates would come down," Greenspan told the budget panel.

The government also reported yesterday that the US trade deficit for the fourth quarter of 1988 rose to \$32 billion on a balance of payments basis, up from a revised third quarter \$29.2 billion.

For all of 1988, the shortfall was \$126.5 billion, down from the 1987 figure of \$160.3 billion. Balance of payments figures report trade data that exclude military sales and the cost of insurance and shipping.

## World Business Summary

### Amsterdam offers to host commodity pacts

LONDON, March 1, (Reuters): Amsterdam has become the third city to offer to host the international sugar and wheat organisations following similar moves by Paris and Brussels to lure them away from London, officials of the two trade groups said yesterday. Details of the offer are due to be sent to the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) and International Wheat Council (IWC) in the near future, delegates said after the first joint meeting of the two organisations' executive committees. The organisations face a rent increase of around 300 per cent on the London property they share when the lease runs out at the end of the year. The joint meeting was called to examine the possibility of a move. Delegates said Amsterdam had the advantage of being a likely headquarters for the United Nations Common Fund for Commodities, which starts operating later this year. The British government has so far refused to increase its assistance to the pacts. Delegates said a number of sites in London had been examined but all appeared unsatisfactory either because of location or cost. London also hosts the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) and International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO). The next joint ISO/IWC meeting will take place on April 18 when Paris and possibly Brussels and Amsterdam will send teams to detail their offers. A final decision will rest with the organisations' full councils.

### \$120m Arab Fund loan for Egypt

CAIRO, March 1, (Reuters): The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) signed an agreement today granting Egypt a soft loan of 35 million Kuwaiti dinars (\$120 million) to build a power station. The loan, repayable over 19 years after a grace period of six years and at an interest rate of three per cent, is the largest Egypt has received since its readmission to Arab funds last year. Last June, the United Arab Emirates' Fund for Arab Economic Development granted Egypt a soft loan of \$75 million for desert reclamation — the first after a nine-year suspension because of Cairo's peace with Israel. A spokesman for the Egyptian Ministry of International Economic Co-operation said the new loan will be used to finance a power station in Damietta, 190 kms (118 miles) north of Cairo. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last week visited the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait as part of his efforts to improve ties with Arab countries. Egypt, which has an annual trade deficit of more than \$5 billion, has sought Arab help to improve its economy.

### Abadan refinery to reopen in April

NICOSIA, March 1, (AP): Iran's giant Abadan oil refinery, which has a capacity of 130,000 barrels a day, will restart operations on April 12, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported last week. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the refinery's burner was rekindled Feb 11 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Islamic revolution. It said that Deputy Prime Minister for Executive Affairs, Hamid Mirzadeh, inspected the refinery reconstruction operations on Tuesday and later visited war-damaged locations in the cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr. The two oil-refining and loading cities, located on the east bank of the Shatt Al-Arab waterway 50 miles (80 kms) north of the tip of the Gulf, sustained heavy damage early in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war. Reconstruction of the war-crippled oil installations began immediately after a UN-sponsored ceasefire was reached last August.

## Mexico sees IMF spring meeting affecting debt talks

MEXICO CITY, March 1, (Reuters): Progress in restructuring Mexico's \$100-billion debt will depend heavily on discussions at the IMF spring meeting in April, the Finance Ministry said yesterday.

In a communique issued after Finance Minister Pedro Aspe's return from a tour of Canada and five European countries to discuss Mexican debt rescheduling proposals, it said the talks had been useful.

**Importance**  
"In the various meetings it was clear that great importance is placed on the interim committee meetings," it said.

The ministry gave no indication of any specific response to Mexico's plan but said a dialogue would continue over the next few weeks on concrete proposals presented to the US financial authorities and international financial agencies.

Aspe, accompanied by Banco de Mexico director-general Miguel Mancera and undersecretary for international financial affairs Angel Gurria, visited Washington earlier this month.

**Talks**  
The ministry said Aspe stressed in his talks in Europe that Mexico must reduce net transfers abroad as soon as possible, and that the financial authorities undertook to speed up consultations culminating in the International Monetary Fund meeting in April.

Various technical and operative mechanisms were reviewed for reducing debt service, as well as regulatory, accounting, fiscal and legal considerations in each country.

## Anglo-Dutch Unilever raises profits by 10pc

LONDON, March 1, (Reuters): Anglo-Dutch giant Unilever PLC-NV said today its pre-tax profits rose 10 per cent in 1988 to £1.45 billion (\$2.52 billion).

The group, whose products range from detergents to frozen foods, is one of the world's top consumer concerns.

Its sales totalled £17.12 billion (\$29.79 billion) in 1988 against £16.55 billion (\$28.80 billion) the year before.

"1988 was another year of substantial progress throughout our business, reflecting our emphasis on profitable growth," chairman Michael Angus said.

The results were in line with market expectations and Unilever PLC shares were quoted in London at £5.33 (\$9.27) by midmorning, three pence (5.2 cents) down yesterday.

Unilever said internal growth remained its priority, though it noted acquisitions during 1988 totalled \$630 million.

A number of strategic areas had been targeted for investment, including the skin care and fragrances markets.

Unilever earlier this month announced it was buying the Faberge and Elizabeth Arden businesses for \$1.55 billion.

The purchase from the Riklis Family Corp of the United States would add Faberge, Brut, Aqueant, Elizabeth Arden and the prestigious Chloe and Lagerfeld perfumes to Unilever's range of brands and would pit it against L'Oréal of France for the number one position in the global personal products market.

## UAE unveils comprehensive industrialisation plan

ABU DHABI, March 1, (OPECNA): The General Corporation for Industry (GCI) has prepared a "comprehensive" plan for the industrialisation of the emirate of Abu Dhabi until the year 2000, GCI president Hassan Moussa Al Qamzi said here yesterday.

Al Qamzi said the plan prepared in co-operation with a leading international firm, followed a comprehensive industrial survey and extensive studies in the United Arab Emirates and neighbouring countries.

The objective, he added, was to select a number of industries with good economic returns that could be based on available resources and not require a large workforce.

**Plan**  
He said the plan was part of the country's long-stated goal of diversifying national sources of income, at present largely dependent on oil and gas exports.

He said the three-stage plan included a list of selected projects both for the private and the public sector.

It also contained several recommendations to provide

technical advice to the private sector and solve the problems of small industries, as well as offer training courses for UAE citizens.

He said GCI had also prepared a number of feasibility studies on a number of projects to be offered to the private sector.

He referred to several areas where broad-based industries could be established, including enterprises based on "cheap and available sources of energy," such as aluminium smelters and iron ore and steel plants, adding that industries producing construction materials, furniture, textiles and foodstuffs would be needed to meet local demand.

**Plan**  
Al Qamzi said that the GCI plan recommended protection for newly-formed industries against foreign competition. Also needed was regulation of customs tariffs to guard against imported products which were cheaper, though of inferior quality compared with local ones.

Under the plan, the government would provide business-

men with appropriate sites, cheap water and electricity and tax exemptions on imported equipment and machinery, he said.

Since its inception in 1979, GCI has commissioned several projects and set up two plants for the production of cement blocks with a combined capacity of nine million blocks per year.

Meanwhile, a Dubai consortium has acquired the option to purchase two oil refineries from the US Mobil Corporation, according to an official source.

Sami Hafez, a spokesman for the trade consortium, said the group was among a number of leading trade houses interested in acquiring the refineries, each with a production capacity of 100,000 BPD of lead-free gasoline, jet fuels and kerosene.

**Deal**  
He said the deal was worth \$400 million, but did not spell out details. The refineries are understood to be located in the United States.

He noted that the purchase documents had already been endorsed by the US consulate in Dubai.

## Iran expects to raise \$14 billion in wealth tax

NICOSIA, March 1, (Reuters): Iranian proposals for a one-off wealth tax on millionaires which could raise \$14 billion are in limbo after objections by senior clergymen and lawyers, Tehran Radio reported yesterday.

It said the Guardian Council, composed of 12 Muslim theologians and lawyers who vet parliament's decisions, objected to the tax approved by parliament tomorrow.

It did not spell out the objections. The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Finance Minister Mohammad Javad Irvani as saying Iran expected to raise one trillion rials (\$14 billion) from the "national co-operation tax for reconstruction."

He said the government was counting on the revenue for its budget in the next Iranian year beginning on March 21.

"If it does not materialise, the

budget deficit will increase by the same amount," the radio quoted him as saying.

Total government spending proposed for the next Iranian year is 3.856 trillion rials (\$55 billion). The budget bill, now in parliamentary committees, must be approved by March 21.

Tehran's Resalat daily said last month budget deficits in the past several years had pushed the total internal debt to 10 trillion rials (\$140 billion).

Irvani said the aim of the tax was to channel resources from unproductive holdings to industrial and agricultural investment.

**Assets**  
According to the bill passed in parliament, a progressive tax of up to 40 per cent would be imposed on anyone who with his dependents owned assets of more than 100 million rials (\$14 million) on Sept 23 last year.

## Per capita income down

## Third World exports increase

GENEVA, March 1, (OPECNA): The per capita income of many Third World debtor nations fell last year despite a net increase in their exports, according to a report issued today by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The debate scene was marked by rising interest rates and lack of fresh capital inflows.

The trade performance of OPEC countries was better in 1988 than in 1987, with their exports rising by 8.5 per cent, compared to a fall of two per cent in 1987. Their imports fell by 1.5 per cent compared with a 13.5 per cent fall in 1987. However, they still compared poorly with

the average 12 per cent increase recorded by Third World countries as a group.

The report said that OPEC's inability to match the import performance of other developing countries, despite an increase in its oil exports, was the result of the fall in oil prices and a six per cent increase in the prices of imported manufactured goods.

**Best**  
The world trade volume went up in 1988 by 8.5 per cent — and in dollar terms by 14 per cent. This was the best performance recorded since 1984. Inflation rates were low and investment was high, indicating that there was little danger of recession,

although inflation and protectionism continued to cause anxiety.

The United States, West Germany and Japan continued to dominate world trade, with the first absorbing 15.6 per cent of world imports, followed by West Germany (8.4 per cent) and Japan (6.3 per cent). However, West Germany led in exports (11.4 per cent), followed by the United States (11.3 per cent) and Japan (9.3 per cent).

GATT said trade growth in terms of volume was experienced not only in manufactured goods (10 per cent), but also in mining, including petroleum (seven per cent) and in agricultural products (four per cent).

## East European debt on the rise: OECD

PARIS, March 1, (AP): Eastern European countries are likely to go deeper into debt and have to pay higher interest rates, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said yesterday.

Eastern European borrowers may need to broaden and diversify their sources of credit by seeking new creditors in different geographical regions, the 24-nation OECD commented in the latest edition of its Financial Market Trends, published three times a year.

The increased borrowing requirement could also oblige Eastern Europe to enter new markets such as bonds and leasing in an effort to diversify their sources of finance, the publication says.

**Reforms**  
The OECD notes that Eastern Europe's current account position has weakened steadily since 1985, and says preliminary figures indicate a further moderate rise of hard-currency debt in 1988.

It notes that the economic reforms currently under way can at best be expected to result in export gains only in the medium term. At the same time, demand for imports will remain strong in order to sustain investment programmes and to satisfy consumer demand.

The report says the total debt

for Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union grew from \$82 billion in 1984 to \$131 billion in 1987, the latest year for which full figures are available.

Poland was the most indebted country, with 39.3 billion in gross debt in 1987, followed by the Soviet Union with 36.7 billion. East Germany owed 19.9 billion, Hungary 17.7 billion, Bulgaria 6.3 billion, Romania 6.0 billion and Czechoslovakia 5.4 billion.

**Rise**  
The OECD says that the rise in Eastern Europe's outstanding debt since 1985 has not been dramatic and that with the exception of Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland the debt burdens of Eastern European countries can still be characterised as "light to moderate."

But the OECD goes on to say that the rising debt has resulted in increased vulnerability of Eastern European countries to a crisis of coincidence of Western lenders.

The OECD acknowledges, however, that international lenders generally still perceive Eastern Europe as being a relatively attractive place to do business with good risk-return ratios.

But it says there is an awareness of the need to watch the economic and political development of the region, and to notice the differences among the countries. Czechoslovakia, East Germany and the Soviet Union are seen as the most attractive borrowers at present, the OECD said.

The member nations of the Paris-based OECD are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United States and West Germany.

## Colombia to freeze oil exports

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 1, (AP): Colombia will freeze the amount of oil it exports in an effort to help OPEC and independent producers stabilise world oil prices, Energy and Mines Minister Oscar Mejia Valles said yesterday.

"Our decision is rather sym-

bolic since we are not in a position to increase significantly our export levels, which in turn represent only an insignificant portion of the world market," he told reporters.

Colombia exports 180,000 barrels out of a total 435,000 barrels of daily output.

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تلفون: ٢٥٠٠٣٣. تليكس: ٩١٠٣ إكسبي بي إن. فاكس: ٢٤٢٣٨١



**LONDON**  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	LAURENCE	556/0
ABBEY FLE	321/0	LARGE	564/0
ADT LTD	145/0	LARD SECS	408/0
ADL LYONS	467/0	LAPORTE	437/0
AMSTRAD	152/0	LASMO	33/0
ARGYLL GP	185/0	LEGAL+GEN	340/0
ASDA GP	144/0	LGNRHO	637/0
BAA	310/0	LUCAS IND	298/0
BTR	353/0	MAGNET	206/0
BR INDS	535/0	MARKS+SP	255/0
BRACLAYS	452/0	MAXWELL C	256/0
BASS	964/0	MB GROUP	555/0
BEAZER	207/0	MHC	443/0
BEECHMAN	579/0	MIDLAND BK	167/0
BERISFORD	164/0	NEX	205/0
BICC PLC	450/0	NTH FOODS	477/0
BLUE ARROW	92/0	P & O DFD	620/0
BLUE CIRC	512/0	PEARL	770/0
BOC GP	481/0	PEARSON	233/0
BOOTS CO	59/00	PILKINGTON	325/0
BPB INDS	249/0	PLESSEY	323/0
BR COMM	221/0	POLLY PEC	345/0
BR AIRWAY	189/0	RACAL ELC	388/0
BR AEROSP	528/0	RACAL TEL	385/0
BR GAS RG	66/00	RANK RVIS	887/0
BR LAND	344/0	RANK GRP	080/0
B.P.P.	259/0	REDLAND	509/0
BR STEEL	79/25	REFL	435/0
BR TELCOM	74/00	RMC GRP	634/0
BURNHAM OL	535/0	REUTERS	772 CORP.
BURTON	203/0	ROLLS ROY	169/0
CABLEWIR	342/0	ROTHMAN B	424/0
CADBURY'S	438/0	ROYAL INS	580/0
CALOR GRP	385/0	SAATCHI	217/0
CARLTON GP	860/0	SCOTT+NEW	243/0
CRILTH R T	815/0	SEARDS	20/00
COOKSON'S	345/0	SEGEWICK	245/0
CROFTWALD	63/00	SHELL	367/0
DALGETY	63/00	SIEBE	490/0
DIXONS	155/0	SLOUGH ES	329/0
ENG CHINA	547/0	STO. CHART	539/0
ENTER OIL	518/0	STC	314/0
FXI BACKX	107/0	STORENHE	176/0
FERRANTI	175/0	SUN ALLIA	120/0
FISONS	284/0	SUN LIFE	950/0
GATEWAY	163/0	TARNAC	279/0
GEN ACCID	933/0	TEATLEYLE	231/0
GEN ELEC	231/0	TYLER WOOD	577/0
GLAXO	244/0	TRAF NSE	345/0
GRANADA	357/0	TSB	119/0
GLOBE	164/0	T + N	207/0
GLYNED	317/0	TRUSTHEE	283/0
GORD RYL	212/0	ULTRAHAN	298/0
GN	397/0	UNILEVER	520/0
GUINNESS	397/0	UNIGATE	341/0
HANSON A	176/0	UTO KUSPR	432/0
HARRISON C	718/0	WELLCOME	438/0
HUKER SID	651/0	WILLIAMS IN	238/0
HILLSDON	276/0	WILLIS FB	263/0
ICL	180/0	WIMPEY CE	287/0
		WOOD WORTH	265/0

**LONDON**  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ANDERSON ALLICE	835/0	834/0
ANDERSON GUY	122/0	122/0
ANDERSON JAMES T	415/1	416/1
ANDERSON J.B. ELECT	434/0	435/0
ANDERSON J.S.W. HLD	233/0	236/0
ANDERSON KEN	88/0	88/0
ANDERSON NALD	407/0	407/0
ANDERSON RON	118/1	117/1
ANDERSON T	28/4	28/4
ANDERSON T	168/0	167/0
ANDERSON WALKER	181/0	181/0
ANDERSON WALKER	363/0	363/0
ANDERSON WALKER	335/4	336/0
ANDERSON WALKER	282/0	282/0
ANDERSON WALKER	139/0	139/0
ANDERSON WALKER	74/0	75/0
ANDERSON WALKER	963/0	962/0
ANDERSON WALKER	49/0	49/0
ANDERSON WALKER	405/0	405/0
ANDERSON WALKER	130/0	130/0
ANDERSON WALKER	525/0	526/0
ANDERSON WALKER	323/0	331/0
ANDERSON WALKER	275/0	296/0
ANDERSON WALKER	77/0	78/0
ANDERSON WALKER	443/0	445/0
ANDERSON WALKER	148/0	148/0
ANDERSON WALKER	109/0	109/0
ANDERSON WALKER	256/0	255/0
ANDERSON WALKER	388/0	385/0
ANDERSON WALKER	256/0	256/0
ANDERSON WALKER	99/4	99/4
ANDERSON WALKER	134/0	134/0
ANDERSON WALKER	372/0	373/0
ANDERSON WALKER	632/0	633/0
ANDERSON WALKER	236/0	236/0
ANDERSON WALKER	528/0	528/0
ANDERSON WALKER	97/4	97/4
ANDERSON WALKER	282/0	282/0
ANDERSON WALKER	83/4	84/0
ANDERSON WALKER	153/0	153/0
ANDERSON WALKER	193/0	192/0
ANDERSON WALKER	26/4	27/0
ANDERSON WALKER	192/0	192/0
ANDERSON WALKER	106/0	111/0
ANDERSON WALKER	164/0	165/0
ANDERSON WALKER	192/0	192/0
ANDERSON WALKER	52/0	52/0
ANDERSON WALKER	235/0	236/0
ANDERSON WALKER	237/0	236/0
ANDERSON WALKER	58/0	59/0
ANDERSON WALKER	236/0	237/0
ANDERSON WALKER	113/0	113/0
ANDERSON WALKER	112/0	112/0
ANDERSON WALKER	112/0	114/0
ANDERSON WALKER	423/0	426/0
ANDERSON WALKER	122/0	123/0
ANDERSON WALKER	243/0	244/0
ANDERSON WALKER	178/0	179/0
ANDERSON WALKER	547/0	548/0
ANDERSON WALKER	545/0	448/0

BORTHWICK	40/0	40
BR ARROW	116/0	117
BR ASSETS	78/0	78
BR DREDGE	159/0	159

BR VITA	246/0	247/0
BRENT CHE	168/0	168/0
BRENT WKR	346/4	346/0
BRIDON	197/4	199/0
BRITAIN SE	193/0	193/0
BRITANNIC	385/3	385/0
BRIXTON E	402/0	403/0
BROWN SRI	350/0	350/0
BRYSAT GP	123/0	123/0
BUCKINGH	78/0	78/0
BULLDOGS	120/0	120/0
BULLOUGH	498/0	498/0
BULWERN HP	165/0	167/0
CAIRO CDR	408/0	410/0
CALCALEDONIA	382/0	380/0
CAMPBELL ELEC	245/0	246/0
CANFORD E	238/0	238/0
CANFORD W	235/0	235/0
CANMORN ST	288/0	288/0
CARDIFF RADIO	750/0	752/0
CARADON	373/0	374/0
CARADON CEN	169/0	169/0
CATTLE MD	67/0	68/0
CAULDON	10/4	10/4
CEMENT LIT	758/0	760/0
CHAM PRR	218/0	217/0
CHARTEREA	25/0	23/0
CHURCH CHUR	106/0	106/0
CHILDRIDE	58/0	58/0
CHILWISTRE	740/0	740/0
CI GROUP	51/0	51/0
CINTRAL SEC	57/4	57/4
CINTRAL OIL	185/0	185/0
COALITE	379/0	380/0
COATES BR	325/0	327/0
COLLINGS A	731/0	732/0
COLLINGS W	880/0	883/0
COLLORGL	157/0	158/0
COMPAS GR	333/0	333/0
CONNELL	253/0	255/0
COOPER F	176/0	176/0
COSTAIN	329/0	329/0
COURTS PR	187/0	185/0
COWCOLE (T)	138/0	138/0
CRCH	161/0	161/0
CRADOCK INT	197/4	198/0
CRYSTAL	160/0	162/0
CRYSTAL PROP	269/0	290/0
CSET	177/0	177/0
DAVIS GD	177/0	176/0
DAVY CORP	224/0	228/0
DAMSON GP	194/0	194/0
DALDA GRP	311/4	312/0
DEVENISH	335/0	335/0
DEWHIRST	40/4	41/4
DIPLOSON PK	123/0	123/0
DODDINGHAM	73/0	73/0
DOUDRY GP	259/4	262/0
DORRINGTON C	522/0	523/0
DORRINGTON	446/0	468/0
DORRINGTON STR	70/0	70/0
DUNDEE LD	306/0	307/0

HICKSN IN	236/0	236
HIGGS NIL	361/0	360
HMBRO CTY	57/0	58
HMBRO 20P	247/0	248

TRIT SPHR	165/0	165/0
HOLMES PR	112/0	112/0
HODGEN GP	153/0	153/0
HOPKINSON	92/0	93/0
HTS GROUP	117/0	119/0
ICE-FZ FP	329/0	330/0
IMRY N-DVY	422/0	423/0
INNOCP LLC	33/0	33/0
INT.-BU.CH	130/0	130/0
INT.-CITY	78/0	77/4
JHNSN&S	54/6	55/5
KALOS HDGS	136/0	136/0
KALAMAZOO	42/0	42/0
KALON GRP	37/0	37/0
KELT ENGY	55/0	55/0
KETSON	41/0	42/0
KLWRT KCH	135/0	135/4
KLWRT O'S	141/0	142/0
KLWRT SML	171/0	172/0
KUJK-SAVE	618/0	618/0
KUJK-FIT	109/0	110/0
LAING 'A'	34/0	34/0
LAING RD	341/0	341/0
LAING PRP	480/0	480/0
LAIRD GP	260/0	260/0
LAURANCE W	138/0	138/0
LBN & NET	180/0	181/0
LBN ATLAS	293/0	293/0
LBN INTL	237/0	238/0
LBN LTD	130/0	130/0
LDNEED IN	132/0	132/0
LEON GRP	171/0	171/0
LEX SERVC	375/0	371/4
LIFE SCIE	64/0	64/0
LILLEY FJ	63/4	63/4
LLOYD TYP	208/0	208/0
LOGICA	400/0	400/0
LOVELL ND	271/0	272/0
LOW (WH)	285/0	282/0
LOWBONNER	248/0	249/0
M&G CORP	315/0	314/0
M-H.C. PACIF	218/0	218/0
MACARTHY	266/0	267/0
MACFARLANE	215/0	215/0
MAI	89/0	90/0
MAJEDIE	234/0	234/0
MANDLER	210/0	210/0
MANSLEY	171/0	171/0
MANSURS	84/0	84/0
MAUNDERS	106/0	106/0
MECKENITE	329/0	328/0
MEMEC	228/0	228/0
MENZIES	321/0	320/0
MERCH. TST	176/4	176/4
MERLIN IN	141/0	141/0
METAL CLS	200/0	201/0
METALRAX	88/0	88/0
MEYER INT	426/0	426/0
MI DUMISNER	222/0	222/0
ML HDGSL	124/0	124/0
MNT CLT	164/0	163/0

SAGA GRP	271/0
SALE TLNY	233/0
SALVESEN	151/0
SAVILLE G	51/0

SAVOY "A"	875/0
SCT. GLOB	269.0
SCOT HIRE	180/0
SCOT I.T.	143/0
SCOT MET	167/0
SCOT MORT	118/0
SCOT.AM.I	99/1
SCT MAT C	39/0
SCT MAT I	92/0
SCT MAT W	11/0
SECS TST	118/1
SELECT AS	85/0
SHANDWICK	497/0
SHERATON S	77/0
SHIRE INV	247/0
SIMON ENG	343/0
SINGERFRA	70/0
SMITH D	324/0
SOUND DIF	22/0
SPRING RAC	204/0
SPRFX-SARV	235/0
ST. ANDREW	206/0
ST. MCDONEN	37/1
STAKIS	104/0
STEETLEY	392/0
STEINB PR	198/0
STODARD	55/0
STORNGHAR	21/1
STURGE HD	259/0
TELEMETRX	49/0
TEMPLE BA	235/0
THAMES TV	496/0
THORNTON T	89/0
THORNS T	148/0
THROGHTIN	441/0
TI GROUP	435/1
TIE RACK	94/0
TIME PROCD	223/0
TIPHOON	513/0
TOMKINS F	245/0
TOOTAL	133/1
TOZER K&M	111/1
TR CITY	86/0
TR PACIFIC	64/1
TR PROPTY	54/1
TR TRSTEE	141/0
TRINOCO	48/0
TRIPLEX	198/0
TRITON ER	145/0
TRSPRT DV	256/0
TV SM ILHD	78/0
TV 34	241/0
U-BOND AND	81/0
U-BRD ST	36/0
U-BROADWL	182/0
U-CIFER	12/0
U-CITYTNSV	160/0
U-DEAMBEO	165/0
U-DEWEY U	117/0
U-DURHAM	57/0
U-EXPLAUR	43/1
U-FIELDS	26/0
U-FLOYD E	17/0

NEW

PER	NAME	OPER
60/0	A BSNH COM	28
60/0	ATLANTIC R	28
83/0	AAR CORP	20
68/0	ABBOTT LAB	1
68/0	ACHE CLVLD	5
00/0	ADV MICRO	8
92/0	ADERFL LAB	1
92/0	ATNIA LIFE	14
92/0	AMPHANSON	18
92/0	AL PR-CRM	18
85/0	ALISA AR-14	24
78/0	ALBERTSONS	39
64/0	ALBMA 8-16	1
64/0	ALCAN ALUM	32
25/0	ALCO STAND	26
22/0	AM CAP SEC	1
22/0	AM CYNANTD	50
06/0	AM FAMILY	15
06/0	AM HON PRO	8
05/0	AM STORDAR	1
05/0	AM STORES	57
05/0	AM TEL-TEL	76
01/0	AMP INC	43
01/0	AMPCO PITT	14
21/0	AMR CORP	57
21/0	AMR GEN CO	33
60/0	ANHERA NE	34
98/0	ANTHEM ELE	9
98/0	APACHE CP	82
98/0	APPAL 8-12	37
98/0	ARMSTRONG	34
98/0	ASHILD OIL	25
98/0	ASTA PACIF	8
94/0	ATLS CORP	21
94/0	AVERT INT	21
14/0	AVNET INC	21
14/0	AVON PRODS	23
14/0	BCE INC	31
12/0	BELLSOUTH	40
12/0	BELLO CO	25
86/0	BETH STEEL	25
55/0	BEVERLY	8
55/0	BNK BOSTON	24
97/0	BNK BSH-A	42
97/0	BNK R-TYRX	37
56/0	BNCAMERICA	62
56/0	BNSF INC	62
81/0	BOEING CO	41
81/0	BOISE CASH	7
81/0	BND IN GLD	1
83/0	BOMER	56
12/0	BORDEN	27
12/0	BR TELECOM	47
16/0	BRIGGS-STR	18
16/0	BRIST-MYER	18
56/0	BRUNSWICK	11
56/0	C 3 INC	11
25/0	C HUD G-ELC	23
25/0	CABOT CORP	49
71/0	CAGSARS WD	63

**DRK**

01/00	05/00	GEN THILLER
01/00	05/00	GEN MASTERS
01/00	05/00	GEN MOTOR
01/00	05/00	GEN SIGNAL
01/00	05/00	GENOTEC
01/00	05/00	GENOTECH
01/00	05/00	GENULINE FC
01/00	05/00	GEORGI-PA
01/00	05/00	GIBR FI 4
01/00	05/00	GLOBAL MA
01/00	05/00	GOLDEN NL
01/00	05/00	GOODRICH
01/00	05/00	GOODYEAR
01/00	05/00	GRACE MR
01/00	05/00	GRAINGER
01/00	05/00	GREYHOUND
01/00	05/00	GRUNMAN
01/00	05/00	GULF RES-
01/00	05/00	GULF-WEST
01/00	05/00	HALLIBURTO
01/00	05/00	HALLWOOD
01/00	05/00	HANNA MTP
01/00	05/00	HARRIS CP
01/00	05/00	HARTNAX
01/00	05/00	HEINZ JB
01/00	05/00	HELM-PAYT
01/00	05/00	HERCULES
01/00	05/00	HEML-PACK
01/00	05/00	HENCEL CP
01/00	05/00	HILLENBERG
01/00	05/00	HILLENBURT
01/00	05/00	HLTH NTH
01/00	05/00	HITACHI
01/00	05/00	HMSKE INC
01/00	05/00	HNDY-HARM
01/00	05/00	HOLIDAY C
01/00	05/00	HOME DEPOS
01/00	05/00	HOMERFC C
01/00	05/00	HOMEMELL
01/00	05/00	HOUGHTON H
01/00	05/00	HOUSTON IT
01/00	05/00	HUMANIA INS
01/00	05/00	IBM
01/00	05/00	ICM PHARM
01/00	05/00	ILL PR C
01/00	05/00	ILLIX 4-OR
01/00	05/00	ILLINO GRO
01/00	05/00	INGRSLL P-
01/00	05/00	JEFF PILOT
01/00	05/00	JEON PW 8-
01/00	05/00	JOHNSON-J
01/00	05/00	K MART CP
01/00	05/00	KAN CI P-
01/00	05/00	KELLOGG
01/00	05/00	KERR MCGEE
01/00	05/00	KEYSTONE
01/00	05/00	KIMB CL A
01/00	05/00	KLM R D

30/7	30/8
45/5	45/6
8/4	8/4
9/3	9/3

	32/3	32/1	NBI
	55/5	55/1	NEU
	85/5	85/3	NEU
	49/5	49/3	NEU
	16/6	16/6	NEU
	19/5	19/5	NEU
	36/3	36/2	NEU
		0 76/4	NI
	40/3	40/0	NI
	14	14	NI
	*15	*15	NI
	18/8	18/4	NIC
	51/5	51/7	NOR
	48/0	47/6	NOR
	26/7	26/7	NOR
	55/4	55/2	NOR
	29/0	28/7	NUC
	20/3	20/3	NUC
	11/3	11/4	OAK
	41/3	40/7	OCK
	28/6	28/3	OCCE
	15/6	15/7	OH
	23/0	23/0	OH
	27/5	28/0	OH
	26/6	25/7	OLN
	47/6	47/1	OLN
	46/2	46/4	ORAI
	22/1	22/2	ORAI
	46/4	46/3	PAN
	34/1	34/0	PAN
	26/7	26/7	PARI
	35/3	35/5	PAT
	49/6	49/0	PATI
	130/2	129/6	PC
	14/3	14/3	PEG
	18/4	18/6	PENI
	29/6	29/6	PENI
	31/7	34/6	PEO
	33/1	31/7	PEO
	157/4	157/3	PEPI
	63/4	63/4	PFIS
	48/2	48/0	PHI
	27/5	27/5	PHI
	17/7	18/0	PHI
	27/0	27/1	PITM
	122/1	121/4	PITM
	6/6	6/6	PITT
	17/3	17/3	PITT
		0 19/0	PORT
	9/5	9/5	PPG
	37/0	37/0	PRIM
	32/4	32/4	PRIM
		0 79/6	PRIM
	86/6	86/1	PUGE
	37/6	37/5	PUGL
	29/2	29/3	QUAN
	61/6	61/4	QUAN
	19/6	19/7	RAL
	61/5	61/1	RAN
	20	20/4	RAN
	37/3	67/3	RAN

ORULA	42/4	42
H-MCLEN	58/2	58
PHY OIL	34/6	34
INTERG	18/2	18
----	1/5	1

CORP	1/3	1/3
CORP	60/2	60/1
ENGL	23/2	23/2
PLA RE	15/7	15/7
HELL CO	30/1	30/3
MONNET MI	40/3	43/0
WHEAT GLO	35/2	35/4
WHEAT-10	0	58/0
WHEAT-72	0	73/4
MOLEY IN	10/2	10/2
CORP INC	30/5	30/3
INDOS	21/4	21/7
LEAF AFF	11/0	11/0
D RESOU	12/3	12/0
THRON	27/7	27/0
D IND	47/6	47/1
D IND	42/2	42/1
CORP CORP	48/5	48/3
INDS	1/0	1/1
PETRCP	27/3	27/2
AN DRIL	16/4	16/2
EN CORP	28/0	28/0
ED CO	20/2	20/5
MATT	21/7	21/6
IN CORP	50/0	50/0
ON PICT	15/0	15/1
NE WEB	18/4	18/3
AM	3/6	3/6
AM	2/2	2/7
CORP DRI	5/1	5/1
CORP KAN	28/5	28/6
ROCK PET	5/3	5/5
INDOS-96	0	0
INDUS	0	89/4
IN CENTR	12/5	12/6
INCENT	24/0	24/0
MOZIL	118/3	118/3
PELES EN	81/2	81/0
ISICO	20/0	20/0
CORP	40/3	40/0
CORP	55/4	55/1
PS PS DOD	53/1	53/1
TP HOR	106/3	106/0
TP HOR	26/3	26/3
WAGLE W	15/1	15/1
-BONES	42/0	42/0
SON	17/6	17/7
IND GE	42/2	42/2
INDS	22/4	22/5
INDS	42/7	42/5
RE COMP	19/0	19/0
RE INNS	29/1	29/1
AMERICA	22/2	22/0
IT SP-L	88/5	88/5
IT SP-L	18/2	18/2
THE HOME	10/4	10/3
CORP OAT	50/7	50/6
CORP	18/0	18/0
IND CH	55/6	55/3
PURIN	80/5	80/5
INDA INH	10/7	10/6
CORP OIL	5/16	5/16
INDS	33/3	33/3

1/2 SEALED AIR  
17 SEARS ROE  
1/0 SERV CORP  
15 SA STM PAC

01/11/11	SHRIM HUNT	38/
01/11/11	SHRILL TRAN	20/
01/11/11	SHER PLOU	59/
01/11/11	SMITH INT	91/
01/11/11	SMITH DEC	30/
01/11/11	SNOW ON TL	56/
01/11/11	SOURCE CAP	37/
01/11/11	SOUTHERN	23/
01/11/11	SPAIN FLIND	10/
01/11/11	SPEERY	11/
01/11/11	SQUARE D	53/
01/11/11	SQUIBB	
01/11/11	STONE CONT	32/
01/11/11	SUN CO	34/
01/11/11	SUNDRANO	3/
01/11/11	SUNSH MIN	5/
01/11/11	SUPER VAL	24/
01/11/11	SOUTHWEST	23/
01/11/11	SV GAS	17/
01/11/11	SW BELL	43/
01/11/11	TOK	64/
01/11/11	TECO EMERG	22/
01/11/11	TEKRONIX	21/
01/11/11	TELETYPE	35/
01/11/11	TELEPHONIC	24/
01/11/11	TELEX CORP	25/
01/11/11	TERADYNE	12/
01/11/11	TESORO PET	12/
01/11/11	TEX AMER B	0/
01/11/11	TEX GAS TR	52/
01/11/11	TEXACO	50/
01/11/11	TEXAS IND	35/
01/11/11	TEXAS INST	40/
01/11/11	TEXTRON	27/
01/11/11	THOMPS MED	
01/11/11	THAYER	8/
01/11/11	THOMSON	10/
01/11/11	TIMKEN	35/
01/11/11	TORCHMARK	41/
01/11/11	TOSCO	3/
01/11/11	TOYS R US	37/
01/11/11	TRANSMER	37/
01/11/11	TRANSCO EN	38/
01/11/11	TRANSCO EX	5/
01/11/11	TRAVELLERS	37/
01/11/11	TRINITY IN	34/
01/11/11	TRU CORP	28/
01/11/11	TYCO LABS	36/
01/11/11	UAL CORP	120/
01/11/11	UTO BRAND	14/
01/11/11	UTD TECH	61/
01/11/11	UNION CAMP	35/
01/11/11	UNION CARB	39/
01/11/11	UNIS CHOE	31/
01/11/11	USX CP	31/
01/11/11	US WEST	59/
01/11/11	US AIR CP	38/
01/11/11	VALERO EN	32/
01/11/11	VALLEY IND	2/
01/11/11	VARCO INTL	31/
01/11/11	VARIANT APP	58/
01/11/11	W P M PPT	27/

47/2	47/3	
41/3	41/2	
17/2	17/2	
26/16	26/16	

2017	2475
2017	2076
38/1	38/3
59/7	60/0
9/5	9/6
50/2	50/6
36/6	36/5
37/2	37/0
23/3	23/2
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33/7	43/6
51/5	51/6
35/5	35/5
39/5	30/0
59/6	51/3
51/4	51/4
58/3	59/1
12/0	12/0
2/2	2/2
3/4	3/5
28/1	27/7
57/2	57/2

## World Indices

	INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1664.1	1650.0	1455.2	1455.3	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1141.3	1141.3	1138.0	1008.8	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	42.60	1042.60	1039.40	926.59	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.86	87.86	87.86	87.03	87.03
FT GOV WM	102.6	102.6	172.86	161.9	161.9
FT MINES F	666.67	66.67	66.67	503.31	503.31
FT OIL	1836.2	1836.2	1848.2	1725.4	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	143.50	143.89	145.15	139.21	139.21
FT WLD STG	121.95	128.35	122.92	115.30	115.30
FT WLD LOC	128.38	129.48	129.48	123.40	123.40

## London Stock Market Report

LONDON SHARES DRIFT BUT UP AS RATE FEARS EASE

LONDON, MARCH 1. REUTER - SHARES WERE BELOW AFTERNOON HIGHS WHICH WERE TOUCHED ON RELIEF THAT TODAY'S U.K. JANUARY TRADE DATA DID NOT RESULT IN A HIKE IN 13 PCT BRITISH BASE RATES.

PRICES DRIFTED DURING THE AFTERNOON WITH BUSINESS QUIETENING ON LACK OF FOLLOW THROUGH BUYING AND WALL STREET'S RETREAT FROM ITS EARLY HIGHS, DEALERS SAID.

BY 1534 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS UP 19.4 POINTS TO 2,021.8. THE INDEX TOUCHED A HIGH TODAY OF 2,028 AFTER THE TRADE DATA. YESTERDAY FTSE BRIEFLY DIPPED BELOW 2,000 ON SPECULATION U.K. INTEREST RATES WOULD RISE IN RESPONSE TO TODAY'S FIGURES.

THE TRADE FIGURES SHOWED THE U.K. JANUARY CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT WIDENED TO 1.7 BILLION STG AFTER THE DECEMBER GAP WAS REVISED TO 1.36 BILLION.

DEALERS SAID INVESTORS WERE REASSURED BY A STATEMENT FROM BRITAIN'S TREASURY DEPARTMENT WHICH WARNED FINANCIAL MARKETS AGAINST PUTTING TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON ONE MONTH'S FIGURES IN WHAT HAS PROVED A HIGHLY VOLATILE STATISTICAL SERIES.

THE TREASURY POINTED TO WHAT IT SAW AS A FALL IN IMPORTED CONSUMER GOODS AND SAID THAT WAS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER SIGNS THAT CONSUMER DEMAND WAS SLOWING. BRITAIN'S HIGH INTEREST RATE POLICY HAS BEEN AIMED AT DAMPENING CONSUMER DEMAND.

## London Gold

LONDON, MARCH 1, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CAME UNDER PRESSURE IN AFTERNOON TRADING, FOLLOWING A SHARP DROP IN COMEX GOLD FUTURES. DEALERS SAID GOLD WAS FIXED AT 384.05 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM ITS MORNING SETTLEMENT OF 386.10 DLRS AND COMPARED TO YESTERDAY'S CLOSE OF 386.75/387.25.

DEALERS SAID GOLD EASED FROM THE OPENING AGAINST A GENERALLY FIRMER DOLLAR AND THEN MET SOME PANIC LONG LIQUIDATION WHEN THE U.S. MARKET BECAME HEAVIER. HOWEVER, DEALERS EXPECT SUPPORT AT AROUND 382.50/383.00 DLRS.

## London Money Market

LONDON, MARCH 1. REUTER - A BRITISH CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF 1.7 BILLION STG IN JANUARY DID NOT PROVOKE AN IMMEDIATE RISE IN BRITISH INTEREST RATES BUT MARKET RATES IN LATE TRADING WERE WELL ABOVE LOWS THEY HAD REACHED IN BEINGHAM WKS. AGO.

THE CLOSING 3 MONTH INTERBANK RATE OF 7 1/16 1/2 PCT YESTERDAY, THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE REACHED A LOW OF 13-1/4 1/8 PCT THIS MORNING AHEAD OF THE TRADE DATA BUT WAS QUOTED AT 13-3/8 1/4 PCT THIS AFTERNOON AFTER STERLING DIPPED BELOW 3.17 MARKS.

"THE TRADE FIGURES WEREN'T DESPERATE," SAID ONE MONEY BROKER, "BUT THEY CAN'T BE DESCRIBED AS GOOD. PEOPLE ARE WORRIED THAT GERMAN RATES WILL RISE TOMORROW AND HIT THE POUND."

## Foreign Exchange

	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.7320/30	1.7250/60	1.8405/10	6.2640/70	NOON
STG	1.8333/8413	3.176/190	3.1825/60	10.8210/8325	NOON
DMK	6.2515/2635	10.821/839	34.02/66	29.305/465	FIX
SFR	1.5700/5710	2.7192/7225	85.40/50	25.09/12	1300
HFL	2.0755	3.5910	112.89	33.165	FIX
EDU	1.12913	0.653245	2.07648	7.06275	CLSE
SCU	1.32150	.759570	2.41782	8.22669	CLSE
YEN	127.80/90	221.20/52	-----	-----	NOON
	SDR RATE	28/02/1989	OTHERS	01/03/1989	

EDIN T	183/2	183/4	MORGAN CR	293/0	293/0	U-HUGH. HT	139/0	139/0
EDMOND HD	40/4	40/0	MORLAND	708/0	707/0	U-HUGHES	50/0	50/0
ELECTRA	259/0	259/0	MOUNTLEIG	159/0	159/0	U-ISRAEL	21/0	20/0
ELECTRON	205/0	205/0						

ELECTRONIC	203/0 205/0	KOMLEN J	429/0 428/0	U-KUNICK	52/0 52/0
EMERSON	208/0 208/0	MARRY INCH	203/0 203/0	U-LON DRF	178/0 179/0
EMPIRE ST	208/0 208/0	MCINTYRE	201/0 201/0	U-MICROTR	39/0 39/0
EURO GROUP	53/0 53/0	MS INTL	131/0 133/0	U-MOLIMAR	32/0 32/0
FERA, HOME	274/0 275/0	N.BRIT CA	400/0 400/0	U-MURKIN	383/0 383/0
EUROTHERM	468/0 467/0	NAT.TELCH	134/0 134/0	U-M.S.E&G	44/0 44/0
EURUNTL HT	810/0 812/0	KENATHLTH	900/0 890/0	U-PAVION	6/2 6/2
EURUNTL MT	73/4 73/4	NORFROCS	329/0 328/0	U-RINDUST	252/0 252/0
EUVEUDE GRP	189/0 188/0	NORFOLC C	33/4 34/0	U-SAC INT	113/0 117/0
EX.CO.LOUD	128/0 128/0	NORTHAMS	61/0 62/0	U-SELECTY	16/4 16/4
EXPANET	195/0 195/0	NORMBARN	265/0 265/0	U-STH BUS	457/0 458/0
F&C ENTER	30/6 31/0	NSM PLC	82/0 81/0	U-STRIPES	250/0 250/0
F&C FACTS	202/0 202/0	O'SHEAS IT	183/0 182/0	U-T.M.M	13/0 13/0
F&C PACIF	159/0 160/0	O'SHEAS IT	289/0 287/0	U-TRAMAD	32/4 33/0
F&C SHILLR	76/0 76/0	OCEAN TPT	289/0 287/0	U-TRAMAD	13 13
FARNELL E	152/0 152/0	OCEONICS	15/0 16/0	U-UNHS GRP	202/0 201/0
FED.HOUSH	263/0 263/0	OSSORY EST	21/0 21/0	U-UNIS LEI	43/0 43/0
FENNER JH	189/0 190/0	OWNERS AB	83/0 83/0	UNION DIS	485/0 483/0
FERGUSON	280/0 281/0	OXFORD INS	221/0 222/0	UNITECH	256/0 256/0
FILMAN GR	87/0 87/0	P & O WTS	96/0 95/0	UTD.BIC V	178/0 178/0
FRGECOL	126/6 127/0	P & P WTS	207/0 207/0	UTD.INDUS	65/0 65/0
FRANFROD HO	288/0 287/0	PACIFIC A	173/0 174/0	UTD.SCIEN	195/0 196/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PAGE (N)	97/0 97/0	VALUESINC	56/0 56/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	P&S PLC	98/0 97/0	VANALYST	310/0 314/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PERGAMON	72/0 72/0	VERSON	28/0 28/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PERRY GRP	215/0 214/0	VG INSTRT	280/0 280/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PERSIMMON	179/0 178/0	VICKERS	182/4 187/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PHOENIX	88/0 88/0	VPI GROUP	196/0 195/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PICKWICK	224/0 225/0	WADDINGTON	214/0 214/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	POWELL UD	388/0 388/0	WAGON HGT	361/0 360/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PRESTELL	128/0 128/0	WARD HLDS	119/0 120/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PRIEST (B)	22/0 22/0	WARDLE ST	413/0 413/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PRIEST NA	42/6 43/0	WATERFD O	79/0 80/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PROP&SECUR	205/0 205/0	WATERFD U	81/0 81/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PRODFOOT	267/0 267/0	WATERS TY	189/0 189/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	PROFINTL	334/0 334/0	WATTS B&B	36/0 36/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RAINE INT	103/0 104/0	UCRS GRP	247/0 246/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RANSOMES	429/0 430/0	WEIR GRP	285/0 288/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RATNIERS	196/0 196/0	WEMBLEY	125/0 125/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RECHAM EV	396/0 397/0	WESTBURY	268/0 268/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	REFUGE GP	454/0 458/0	WESTLAND	143/0 142/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	REGALON	139/0 140/0	WHEATLEY	105/4 105/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	REINHCRST	85/0 86/0	WICKES PL	216/0 216/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RENOITD	83/0 83/4	WILSON BGM	240/0 240/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RENTOKIL	263/0 265/0	WILSON CBN	179/0 179/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	ROBINSON	474/0 474/0	WILSON CBN	284/0 284/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	ROCKFORD	95/0 95/0	WOLFOULD	484/0 484/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	ROTHWELL	70/0 70/0	WPP GRP	678/0 679/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	ROTHSCHLD	183/0 183/0	WST MOTOR	631/0 632/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	ROYKOP	164/0 164/0	YALEVALTO	354/0 352/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RUGBY GRP	164/0 165/0	YORK CHEN	311/0 312/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RUTLAND T	43/0 44/0	YOUNG (CN)	161/0 161/0
FRGROFRO	502/0 502/0	RYAN INTL	139/0 138/0		

### Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	17PKR-DAYS/2	PREV-MON	PREV-YR
AUSTRIA	286.9	286.9	286.9	362.5
AUSTRIA	253.0	259.9	252.7	215.4
BELGIUM	432.7	432.2	441.7	412.8
CANADA	385.5	385.2	384.5	356.1
DENMARK	574.8	573.0	588.3	544.5
FRANCE	446.0	437.6	445.6	396.1
GERMANY	202.7	200.8	202.7	195.6
HONG KONG	227.7	231.9	234.9	183.2
FINLAND	122.2	124.9	125.3	112.1
ITALY	450.0	450.2	456.7	439.5
JAPAN	1469.9	1478.4	1498.5	1289.0
NETHERLANDS	277.0	276.4	279.7	260.1
NEW ZEAL	90.9	91.3	93.7	93.9
NORWAY	681.9	677.0	692.3	443.0
SPORE	656.1	665.0	672.9	587.0
SPAIN	234.7	236.5	250.5	209.5
SWEDEN	1187.0	1173.6	1186.7	960.4
SWITZ	176.5	175.1	179.6	163.6
U.K.	610.2	608.5	615.7	551.2
U.S.A.	265.7	264.9	264.2	250.6
WORLD	508.7	508.7	512.8	446.2
E.A.F.E.	979.4	984.3	996.9	832.0

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CAST-COOKE	26/0	25/7	LEHMAN	11/7	12/0	KATTEON	07/2	07/2	WALGREEN	35/2	35/0
CATERPI TR	58/7	58/6	LENNAN	20/0	19/7	REYNOLD ME	56/2	55/3	WARNER CON	43/2	42/5
CBI IND	27/4	27/4	LINCOLN MA	69/6	69/4	RJR NABISC	84/0	83/5	WARNER LAN	78/5	78/5
						ROCHER-C-E	17/7	17/7			

BRS	167/0	167/0	LITTON IND	73/6	73/4	ROCKAWAY C	15/6	15/6	WASTE MAN	42/3	41/7
CENTEL CP	64/0	63/6	LOCKHEED	48/5	48/5	ROCKWELL	21/5	21/5	WASH GAS L	24/7	24/6
CHAMP INTL	33/2	33/0	LOCTITE CP	36/3	36/4	RORR INDS	31/6	31/6	WENDY INTL	6/5	6/5
CHAMP SPTA	22/0	21/6	LOEMS CORP	61/2	61/4	ROLLINS EN	11/5	11/5	WEST CO	16/6	16/6
CHARTER CO	5/1	5/0	LON-NETTLE O		30/5	ROLLINS IN	0	16/7	WESTINGE	33/3	35/2
CHASE NAM	31/6	31/5	LONE STAR	31/3	31/1	RORER GRP	39/3	39/1	WICKES COM	8/1	7/6
CHEMED CP	33/1	33/2	LONES	23/4	23/4	ROMAN COMP	6/2	6/3	WILLIAMS C	31/6	31/5
CHEMIEC BNK	31/4	31/2	LTD INC	30/1	30/1	ROYAL DUTCH	58/3	58/4	WILLIAMS'E	7/1	7/0
CHIRON	48/0	47/4	LTV CORP	2/3	2/2	RSS BERRIE	18/3	18/4	WINN-DIXIE	8/7	8/7
CHRYSLER	26/6	26/1	LTV 1-25		3/0	RUDOL SWY	25/3	25/5	WOOLWORTH	0	17/2
CHUBB CORP	64/0	63/6	LTV 3-OGB		3/7	RYLAND BRP	22/1	22/1	XOMCORP	52/2	52/2
CIUR FR CH	10/2	10/3	LTV 5-25		0	S DIEG E-E	37/7	37/7	WORDCORP	0	6/3
CIGNA CORP	53/3	53/1	LUBRIZIL	36/4	36/2	SALOMON	26/4	26/4	WORLEGE	37/2	37/2
CIN MILACR	22/0	22/0	LUBY'S CAFS	27/0	26/7	SARA LEE	45/4	45/3	WYLE LABS	9/1	9/2
CIR CIT ST	38/0	37/7	MALAYSIA F	8/0	8/0	SC ATLANTA	14/3	14/3	XEROX CORP	61/6	61/5
CIRCLE K	14/6	14/6	MGMT ASS	.09	.08	SCOTT PPR	39/3	39/2	ZAPATA	2/6	2/6
CITYCORP	25/7	25/4	M HARRIETA	43/2	43/1	SCOTTTYS	12/4	12/5	ZAYRE CORP	24/1	24/0
CLARE EQUI	34/2	34/3	MA COM INC	7/7	7/6	SE BANK CO	23/7	23/5	ZENITH EL	20/6	20/4
CLOREX	32/0	31/6	MANOR CARE	15/5	15/4	SEAGRAN CO	66/2	66/0	ZERO	19/0	18/7
CMPLLI RES	0	14	NAMU HANOV	31/7	31/6						
CMPLLI SP	32/3	32/2	NANVILLE	0	26/6						
CND PACIFIC	18/5	18/5	HARRIOTT	31/2	31/2						
COACHMEN	9/3	9/3	NASCO CORP	25/2	25/2						
COASTAL	33/5	33/5	NATSIU ELEC	189/6	186/4						
COCA-COLA	48/3	47/7	NATTEL INC	10/2	10/2						
COLECO	.	11	MCA INDCRP	49/3	48/6						
COLEMAN CO	68/0	68/0	MCDONALDS	50/7	50/4						
COLG-PALMIN	44/4	44/4	MCDONNELL	87/5	87/4						
COLUM GAZ	35/2	35/0	MCGRAW-HIL	64/5	64/3						
COLLINBUS-C	111/6	112/0	MEAD	39/6	39/4						
COM EDISON	33/3	32/6	MERCK - CO	64/0	63/6						
CONAGRA	29/7	29/7	MEREDITH	31/4	31/2						
CON EDISON	44/6	44/7	MERRILL LY	29/2	29/1						
CONTINENTA	32/7	32/6	MESA OFFSH	1/5	1/4						
CONTL ILLN	*02	*02	MOBIL OIL	46/6	46/5						
CONTEL CP	46/4	46/4	MONSANTO	88/6	89/0						
CONTR DATA	21/3	21/1	MONTANA PO	33/1	34/6						
COOPER T-R	25/6	25/2	MORGAN JP	35/4	35/2						
COOPER CO	3/7	3/7	HORT TRIO	43/0	42/2						
COPIUM	23/7	23/1									

Dow Jones Plus Indices				
	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,264.46	+ 6.07	2,272.32	2,257.86
TRANS	1,054.82	+ 3.40	1,058.86	1,051.58
UTILS	183.05	+ 0.12	183.50	182.67
STOCKS	864.84	+ 1.95	867.71	862.39
NYSE COMP	163.650+	0.05		
S-P COMPOSITE	289.84	+ 0.98		
NYSE INDS	197.43	+ 0.71		
AMEX INDEX	323.24	+ 0.77		
NASD COMP	401.15	+ 1.44		
NASD BANKING	458.18	+ 1.14		
NASD FIN'L	479.10	+ 0.86		
NASD INDS	326.61	+ 1.38		
S-P 100 INDEX	275.29	+ 1.25		

DANA CORP	39/10	38/5
DANIEL IND	11/5	11/6
DATA GEN	18/3	18/3

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME					
DAYTON HUD	45/2	45/0		COLUMBIA	17 1/8	+ 3/8	TEXAS AIR	14	UNCH
DEC	111/7	115/5		HOSP CORP	48 7/8	+ 3/8	BAT IND B	9 7/16	+ 1/8
DEERE-CO	48/0	47/5		TOSCO	4 1/8	UNCH	WANG LAB	9 1/2	UNCH
DELTA AIR	54/2	53/7		CIRCLE K	15 1/2	+ 5/8	ARDAM CO	18 5/8	- 1/8
DIAMOND SH	17/2	17/0		ENHART CP	39 7/8	+ 3/8	CHL ENERGY	15 1/8	+ 7/8
DIEBOLD	45/0	45/0		NOBLE AFF	11 1/4	+ 1/4	DATAPROD	16 7/8	1/8
DISNEY W	74/1	74/0		TEXAS EST	50 7/8	+ 3/8	ECHO AIR	15 1/2	- 3/8
DOVER CORP	28/5	28/4		LITCO	14 1/2	+ 5/8	PLY-GEM IN	13 3/8	+ 1/8
DOW CHEMIC	93/6	93/2		UNION CARB	29 7/8	- 1/8	ENERGY SVC	2 5/8	+ 1/8
DOW JONES	31/5	31/5		COCA COLA	48 3/8	+ 5/8	N PATENT	7 3/4	UNCH
DRESSER IN	34/2	34/2							
DREYFUS	27/4	27/4							
DUKE POWER	43/2	43/1		NYSE LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE	AMEX LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE
DUN BRAD	52/7	52/6		F B HALL	3 3/4	+ 5/8	BAMBERGER	8 1/2	+ 7/8
DUPONT	95/3	94/7		LEISURE	4 7/8	+ 1/2	STARRET HO	7 1/4	+ 5/8
DUQUESNE	18/5	18/5		WICKES	8 1/2	+ 3/4	BSN CORP	6 7/8	+ 1/2
DYNAMICS O	22/7			ORIENT EXP	2 5/8	- 1/4	QUAKER FAB	5 1/4	- 1/2
E SYSTEMS	29/6	29/6		ERC INTL	8 3/4	+ 1/8	ENTERTEK INC	2	- 1/8
EAGLE PICK	15/2	15/3		NYSE VOLUME	67,497,160		AMEX VOLUME	3,509,775	
EASTERN G	24/2	24/1		STOCKS UP	757		STOCKS UP	286	
EMERSON EL	30/0	29/7		STOCKS DOWN	446		STOCKS DOWN	152	
EMERSON RA	4/1	4/2		28-FEB NASDAQ VOLUME	122,213,900				
ETHYL CO	23/1	23/1		STOCKS UP 1166	DOWN 877				
EXXON	23/1	23/7							

FED NAT MO	61/2	60/6	Wall Street Market Report
FIELDCREST	21/6	21/5	
FLEETWOOD	26/6	26/0	

FLINTING CO	31/5	31/5	NEW YORK, March 1, (Reuter): Wall Street stocks held their broad early gains
FMC CORP	38/0	38/0	on spreading hopes that interest rates have peaked. They also gained
FORD MOTOR	51/7	51/5	technical strength and support from futures-related program buying, traders
FOSTER WHL	16/5	16/5	said. West Germany and the UK were no longer expected to raise rates soon.
FRCHLD IND	12/0	12/1	The Dow 30 was up six at 2264 after rising to 2272 and bumping into profit-
FREE MC DG	4/5	4/6	taking. However, gainers led declining issues by two-to-two. Piper Jaffray
FST BANK	21/0	21/0	and Hopwood technical analyst Brian Luedtke said, "the market is recover-
FST CHICAG	36/1	35/7	ing from an oversold condition." The Dow sank below 80 points last week.
FST INTERS	46/4	46/1	"Early gains in bonds and the dollar also helped," he said.
FST MISSIP	19/6	19/7	

GALETON	57/0	57/0
GALVESTON	2/0	2/0
GATX CORP	57/0	57/0

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## Gold eases

## Sterling at 4 1/2-month low against dollar

LONDON, March 1. (Reuters): Sterling slid to a 4 1/2-month low against the dollar today after Britain reported its third biggest monthly trade deficit.

Analysts said the pound's fall was mainly due to waning confidence among dealers in Britain's economy after a surge in inflation and a series of poor trade figures in recent months. Sterling's drop came despite support by the Bank of England, although the Central Bank's purchases succeeded in cushioning the currency's fall.

Views differed on whether interest rates would have to go up to support the pound, which the government wants strong to keep the lid on inflation, now running at 7.5 per cent.

**Increase**  
"The odds must still slightly favour an increase in (British) base rates over the next couple of weeks," said David Walton, economist at Goldman Sachs International.

But Adam Bennett, senior economist at Shearson Lehman, noted the government would be increasingly reluctant to raise rates with the approach of the March 14 budget. "If they aren't up by tomorrow, they're unlikely to be raised at all," he said.

Gold bullion was set at \$384.05 an ounce in afternoon trading in London compared to a Tuesday close of \$387.

On oil markets, British Brent blend crude was quoted at about 20 cents higher at \$16.60 a barrel for April delivery.

Dealers said the prospect of an imminent round of interest rate rises had receded, soothing investors' nerves.

One analyst said the fact that the West German Central Bank had not scheduled a press conference for Thursday suggested that German interest rates would not be raised at least for another week.

French shares opened firm but trading was thin as many institutional investors stayed on the sidelines, dealers in Paris said.

**Active**  
West German shares opened higher in active trade as the market continued to recover from recent sharp losses.

Hong Kong shares ended firmer although the market lacked direction, dealers said. Australian stocks were also firmer.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was quoted in London around 98-26/32 per cent, yielding 9.11 per cent.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed firmer due to buying by insurance companies. Other buying of the US currency was stimulated by technical factors.

It ended at 127.68 yen and 1.8340 West German marks against 126.85 and 1.8230 at Tuesday's New York close.

"Institutional investors, especially life insurers, needed to support the dollar ahead of book closings in March," said Noburu Yokohashi, foreign exchange department chief at Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank.

In Sydney, Australian share prices rose as overseas investors found stocks attractive because the weaker Australian dollar made them relatively cheap.

The All Ordinaries Index gained 9.2 points to 1,494.6 at the close of floor trading.

In London, shares were below afternoon highs which were touched on relief that today's UK January trade data did not result in a hike in 13 per cent British base rates.

Prices drifted during the afternoon with business quietening on lack of follow through buying and Wall Street's retreat from its early highs, dealers said.

By 1534 GMT the FTSE 100

share index was up 19.4 points to 2,021.8. The index touched a high today of 2,028 after the trade data. Yesterday FTSE briefly dipped below 2,000 on speculation UK interest rates would rise in response to today's figures.

The trade figures showed the UK January current account deficit widened to £1.7 billion after the December gap was revised to 1.36 billion.

**Investors**  
Dealers said investors were reassured by a statement from Britain's Treasury Department which warned financial markets against putting too much emphasis on one month's figures in what has proved a highly volatile statistical series.

The Treasury pointed to what it saw as a fall in imported consumer goods and said that was consistent with other signs that consumer demand was slowing. Britain's high interest rate policy was being aimed at dampening consumer demand.

Prices were earlier given a lift by press speculation that the figures would be unlikely to trigger higher interest rates.

Dealers said today's rise showed that there is still plenty of investment support for UK

equities once jitters about interest rates faded. "We're still looking very good value in the UK compared to some other world markets," one trader said.

Some observers still see potential for higher British interest rates especially after the recent discount rate rise in the US and speculation that West Germany might soon lift its interest rates. But others believe Britain can support the pound through continuing intervention in foreign exchange markets.

Enterprise Oil jumped 23p to 550 on a much higher than usual turnover of 5.2 million shares by 1611 GMT. Dealers said the shares were boosted by news of termination of a pact between Enterprise and ICI to limit ICI disposal of Enterprise shares to five per cent a year until 1991. ICI has 24.9 per cent of Enterprise.

Dealers said ending of the pact rekindled bid talk for Enterprise which is 25.2 per cent owned by French oil group ELF. ELF agreed last December not to launch a full bid for Enterprise for 12 months unless its stake was heavily diluted in the period.

Enterprise share had earlier dipped to a quoted low of 500 after news it is making a £569 million rights issue.

subishi Corp. and Mitsui & Co.

The growth of Japanese direct investment in the US will continue to outstrip that of the UK and the Netherlands, most analysts agree. As Fouch of the Commerce Department puts it, "Japan has the greatest surplus and the least developed operations" in the US.

**Investors**  
As to why Japanese investors have attracted so much more attention than British or Dutch in the US, analysts say there is a racial element involved. Peter Kuhlmann, New York managing director of Translink International Inc., an investment bank, says the US has a historic fear of the "yellow peril" of Asian influence. Says Susan MacKnight, chief economist at the Japan Economic Institute in Washington: "Culturally and historically, Americans are more worried about the Japanese than the British and Dutch," and that affects "how we perceive them as an economic threat."

**Surge**  
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## More than one-third of China's city residents see incomes decrease

BEIJING, March 1. (AP): More than one-third of China's city residents saw their real incomes decline in 1988, a year of impressive economic growth tempered by disturbingly high inflation and serious supply shortages.

The State Statistics Bureau, in an annual report released yesterday said per capita income in urban areas was 1,119 yuan (\$302) up only 1.2 per cent from 1987 after deducting price increases.

He said the spending power of 34.9 per cent of urban families declined because their incomes failed to keep pace with inflation. That compared to 1987, when 20 per cent of urban residents reported declines in their living standards.

Among the hardest hit were government employees on fixed salaries and construction workers affected by late-year implementation of policies to slow the overheated economy, bureau spokesman Zhang Zhongji said at a news conference.

**Income**  
In rural areas, where more than three-fourths of China's 1.1 billion people live, per capita income rose 6.3 per cent after inflation to 545 yuan (\$147).

"It was a year of joy and worry, with many difficulties," Zhang said. The main worry was the highest rate of inflation in communist China's history. Retail prices in December were 26.7 per cent

higher than a year earlier. The bureau said the prices of meat, poultry and eggs, fresh vegetables and aquatic products were all up by more than 30 per cent.

Among basic materials, the general price index for rolled steel was up 21 per cent, copper was up 50 per cent and aluminium was up 38.6 per cent.

Zhang said gross national product rose 11.2 per cent to 1.39 trillion yuan (\$374 billion), and national income totalled 1.15 trillion yuan (\$312 billion), an increase of 11.4 per cent.

But growth, he said, was uneven, and "the gap widened between social supply and social demand."

**Value**  
Industrial output value shot up 20.7 per cent to 1.81 trillion yuan (\$489 billion). Among consumer goods, production of colour televisions rose by 52.8 per cent, refrigerators by 84.4 per cent and motor vehicles by 37.1 per cent.

Basic industries like coal and steel, however, showed relatively slow growth and 20 per cent of enterprises could not operate at full strength because of power shortages.

Agricultural output value grew by only 3.2 per cent, and grain production, the crucial measure of the nation's agricultural health, declined by 9 million tons to 394 million tons. Zhang said grain output fell

about 22 million tons short of need and that 40 million people in rural areas were short of food. About 11 million tons were taken from reserves and another 11 million tons imported, he said.

**Projects**  
Zhang also said 14,400 investment projects had been suspended or cancelled since the government embarked last fall on a tough austerity programme to cool down economic growth and bring inflation under control.

He said that represented about 10 per cent of all current projects. Zhang could not give a figure for how many jobs had been lost in the building clampdown, but estimated that unemployment will rise from the current 2.1 per cent of urban workers to about 3 per cent by the end of 1989. He said there are now 135.7 million urban workers, up 3.6 million from the end of 1987.

Zhang said the austerity programme has shown results, with the retail price index rising only 1 per cent in January from December.

But despite the clampdown in the last quarter of the year, overall spending on projects under construction rose 12 per cent over the year to 1.3 trillion yuan (\$351 billion). "This was mainly because too many unimportant projects were started, and investments outside the budget increased greatly," he said.

## NNPC to be commercially integrated oil company, says Babangida

LAGOS, March 1. (OPECNA): Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida has stressed the need for the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) to be a commercially integrated international oil company engaged in exploration, production, processing, transportation and marketing of crude oil, gas and products.

Swearing in the 13-member NNPC board here yesterday, Babangida traced the exploration of oil in Nigeria back to 1908 and its discovery in 1956 and the important role it had played in the country.

The President noted that NNPC would maintain its "important role" in Nigeria's long-term economic development through the promotion of gas and petroleum based industries.

He said the expansion of the oil and gas industry was a top government priority and every effort would be made to ensure its effective implementation, adding that the government had already approved the establishment of 11 NNPC subsidiaries.

These subsidiaries, Babangida said, were being incorporated as limited liability companies to carry out business activities and urged the board to ensure that they were run autonomously within the overall policy framework established by the board itself to maintain the integrated nature of the corporation.

He explained that the government had deemed it necessary to reconstitute the NNPC board three years after the dissolution of the old one so that international oil industry developments and the growth of NNPC could be properly monitored.

## China authorised to buy more US wheat

WASHINGTON, March 1. (AP): China has been authorised to buy an additional two million metric tons of US wheat at subsidised prices, the US Agriculture Department said yesterday.

Acting Undersecretary Richard W. Goldberg said the wheat will be available to China under the department's Export Enhancement Programme, or EEP. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds, and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat.

Under EEP arrangement, private exporters can sell US commodities at reduced prices to meet foreign competition in selected overseas markets and then collect free government surpluses of grain or other commodities as bonuses, or subsidies.

The subsidies have ranged from less than \$20 to more than \$40 per ton of wheat, or in the range of 54 cents to \$1.09 per bushel.

Under previous EEP authorisations, China has bought more than 7.4 million tons of wheat for delivery in 1988-89. Only 10,000 tons remained in the previous authorisation issued on Dec 30.

China is the biggest foreign customer of American wheat farmers this year, and also expected to be the world's largest single importer of wheat in 1988-89.

According to USDA projections, China may import about 15 million tons of wheat from all foreign sources, while the Soviet Union is expected to import 13 million tons.

## British, Dutch are top investors in US

NEW YORK, March 1. Despite the attention Japanese investment in the US has received lately, by some measures both British and Dutch direct investments in the US exceed Japan's, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Direct UK investment in the US totalled \$74.94 billion at the end of 1987, according to US Commerce Department data, while Dutch direct investment was \$47.05 billion and Japan's was \$33.36 billion.

Direct investment includes corporate ownership of 10 per cent or more of a US business concern as well as real estate purchased for corporate use.

Japanese direct investment in the US is the fastest-growing category.

In the first three quarters of 1988, Japan made direct investments of \$11.83 billion, followed by Britain with \$7.41 billion and the Netherlands with \$3.08 billion.

In 1980, Japan only ranked

sixth in direct investment in the US, behind the Netherlands, the UK, Canada, West Germany and Switzerland.

**Growth**  
Analysts anticipate further growth in Dutch investment as the US economy continues to expand. But some doubt that actual investment by Dutch concerns in the US is as great as the Commerce Department figures indicate. Many foreign companies that aren't Dutch, particularly Canadian companies, channel their direct investment in the US through Dutch subsidiaries, economists say. Such a tactic enables the companies to save on US withholding taxes, according to Commerce Department analyst Gregory Fouch.

**Survey**  
According to a Commerce Department survey of total asset value of direct investment in the US that traced assets to their ultimate owners, Britain ranked first in 1986 with \$133.8 billion, followed by Canada with \$129.5 billion, Japan with \$96.7 billion, Switzerland with \$79.5 billion and then the Netherlands with \$68.4 billion.

"Britain helped fund US industrialization in the 19th century," says Shafigh Islam, senior fellow of the US Council on Foreign Relations.

The cultural compatibility of the two countries is a major reason for the huge British investment both historically and currently, analysts say.

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## OPEC might hold summit later this year, says Chalabi

KUWAIT, March 1. (Reuters): OPEC heads of state might hold a summit late this year or in 1990, Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi said in remarks published today.

"There is complete agreement that the atmosphere and studies should be prepared for the summit, which could convene between the last quarter of this year or during 1990," Chalabi told a local daily.

A possible Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries summit will be discussed at a ministerial meeting of eight of the 13 organisation members expected to be held next month in Vienna.

## Summit

A venue for the summit, proposed by Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, has not yet been decided. OPEC's only previous summit was held in Algiers in 1975.

Chalabi said he hoped world prices would rise so OPEC could consider raising its production ceiling of 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD) for the first half of this year.

The world price is currently about \$16 a barrel. Late last year

output reached 22.55 million BPD and the price dropped below \$10 a barrel.

Meanwhile, non-OPEC Oman has decided to cut its oil output by five per cent as of April 1 in support of OPEC efforts to stabilise world oil prices, according to the Sultanate's oil minister.

Saeed Al Shanfari was quoted today as telling the government-controlled Oman newspaper the move was in line with an agreement in London Feb 22 by six independent oil producers to slash their output by a total of 300,000 barrels a day.

## Move

The move is also in response to OPEC efforts to mop the surplus in the world oil market, Shanfari said in the interview, which was distributed by the official Oman News Agency (ONA), monitored in Abu Dhabi.

OPEC's 13 member-states agreed at their last meeting Nov 28 to limit their overall output to 18.5 million barrels a day in a bid to prop up world oil prices to a target level of \$18 a barrel.

Shanfari said the Sultanate, which currently pumps about 600,000 BPD, will notify its cus-

tomers to enable them to "programme their nominations of crudes in line with the new cut."

Oman, a member of the Saudi-led Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), has been leading efforts to persuade non-OPEC producers to help the organisation's price stabilisation plan.

**Co-operation**  
Shanfari has recently visited independent producers Mexico, the Soviet Union and Norway, as well as others following a GCC mandate in December to establish closer co-operation between the two sides.

## Oil discovery

CAIRO, March 1. (OPECNA): Egypt has announced an oil discovery in the Gulf of Suez with an estimated production capacity of 5,000 BPD of heavy crude oil.

The discovery was made 10 km off Jamana, the site of the country's first oilfield 102 years ago.

The three exploratory wells drilled in the field have shown the prospects to be good. Discovered at a depth of 160 metres, they are producing heavy crudes of between 19 and 29 API gravity.

## BADEA loan for African countries

KHARTOUM, March 1. (OPECNA): The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) is to extend \$34.50 million in three loans to Rwanda, Burkina Faso and Ghana.

Rwanda will receive \$9.50 million for a road project designed to link the towns of Gitarama and Mukamira. Repayable in 18 years, including a grace period of four years, the loan bears an annual interest rate of four per cent.

\$15 million will go to Burkina Faso for a hydro-electric and agricultural scheme in its Bagre region. Repayable over 17 years, including four years of grace, the credit comes at an annual interest rate of four per cent.

## Loan

The third loan of \$10 million is to be given to Ghana for a cocoa rehabilitation project. The repayment period is 10 years, including five years of grace, while the interest rate is to be five per cent.

All the loan agreements were signed on behalf of BADEA by Ahmed Hatt El-Wardi, chairman of the board of directors.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, March 1. (Reuters): The market maintained its strength by the close as overseas investors sought out local stocks to cash in on the weaker domestic currency. The All-Ordinaries index rose 9.2 to 1,494.6.

**TOKYO:** Share prices closed easier but off lows in trade made cautious by interest rate jitters. Investors took profits and waited for West Germany's Central Bank interest rate decision. Nikkei fell 21.30 to 31,964.30.

**HONG KONG:** Share prices finished firmer on moderate turnover with sentiment nervous and lacking clear indications on market direction. The Hang Seng rose 34.39 to 3,037.07.

**SINGAPORE:** A mild rebound in selected stocks in the afternoon helped the market close on a mixed note after widespread falls at midday.

**BOMBAY:** Share prices fell sharply across the board in active trading after the government announced a five per cent hike in excise levels, brokers said.

**FRANKFURT:** Shares soared across the board in lively trade as

investors rushed to take advantage of recent sharp falls. The DAX index ended off highs but up 18.59 points up on Tuesday at 1,307.25.

**ZURICH:** Shares closed firmer across their board but below the day's highs as sales slackened. The All-Share Swiss performance index added 4.2 points to 959.8.

**PARIS:** Prices shed early gains by midday, edging lower on nervousness that West German rates may soon rise. The 50-share price indicator was down 0.44 per cent by 1130 GMT.

**LONDON:** Shares were below afternoon highs which were touched on relief that UK January trade data did not result in a hike in 13 per cent British base rates. By 1534 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 19.4 points to 2,021.8.

**NEW YORK:** Stocks showed broad gains as investors saw steady interest rates ahead. Arbitrage buying lifted stocks early on. The Dow 30 was up eight at 2271.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

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### Dear Junior Readers,

As the end of term is approaching, I'm sure you have all had plenty of practice in writing imaginative stories and poems. JUNIOR TIMES would be honoured to read your work.

Write a story about anything you like and send it in. The best stories will be printed on this page, so try your best.

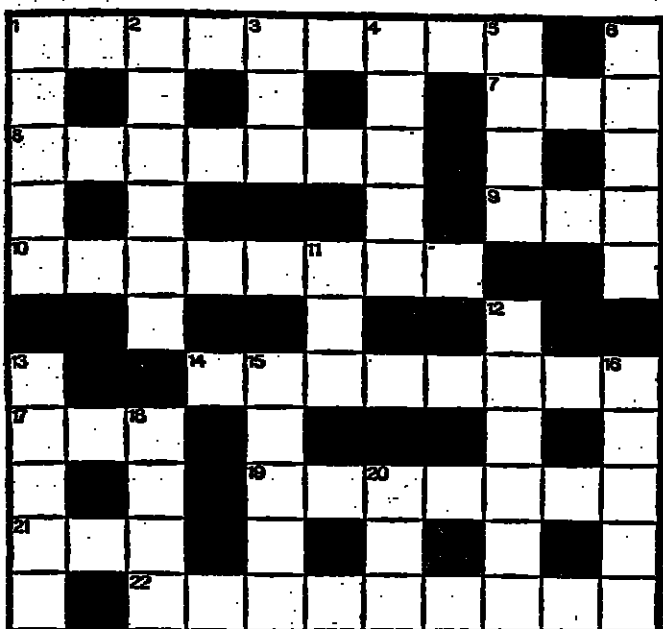
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- An experience to share with JUNIOR TIMES readers.
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- My pet.
- My favourite television programme.
- School.
- What I want to be when I grow up.
- The person I most admire.

Don't forget to write your name, age and school on your story or poem. Good luck. Do you have a baby brother or sister? If you are lucky and do have one, why not send in a photograph of him or her so that it can be printed in the "Baby of the Week" section and all of Kuwait can see your new little brother or sister!

Monal.

### Crossword



#### Across

- 1 A means of conveyance (9)
- 7 Commit the crime of theft (3)
- 8 Inner, distinctive characteristic (7)
- 9 Neckwear for men (3)
- 10 To cause pain and unhappiness (8)
- 14 Fish that provides caviare (8)
- 17 Of a high temperature (3)
- 19 Inspiring respect and dread (7)
- 21 Drawn representation of terrain (3)
- 22 With speed and special intention (9)

#### Down

- 1 Rough, woollen cloth (5)
- 2 Make an estimate (6)
- 3 Male child (3)
- 4 Cookers designed for roasting (5)
- 5 Proceed at a jogging pace (4)
- 6 Church attached to a convent (6)
- 11 Bird akin to the cassowary (3)
- 12 Criminals who have been convicted (6)
- 13 A band of music (5)
- 15 Walk with a heavy tread (5)
- 16 In a condition of want (5)
- 18 Material woven in a narrow strip (4)
- 20 To ration out in small quantities (3)

Solution on Tuesday

Continued from Tuesday

## The magic poppy

Behind them vast mountains reared against the sky, black and forbidding; a thin covering of snow lay on the ground. It was very cold, and completely still and quiet: the sort of quiet that one expects to be broken at any moment.

"Come, we must hurry," the Poppy whispered. "I can smell thunder in the air! Have you got the Pipe?" Shivering with cold and excitement, I took the Pipe from my pocket, and the Poppy's voice rang out suddenly in the frozen silence.

"Pipe! Pipe! Show us the way," the tinkling music I had heard before sounded again, and to my surprise the little Pipe wrenched from my hands; and began to jump, end on, in leaps and bounds across the lake.

"This is where Farrenfeugh ends and the Giant's domain begins," the Poppy said, as we followed, slipping and stumbling on the ice. "The Pipe will show us the way through."

I found it hard to believe, but it was true. The Pipe had already stopped at the end of a large hole in the ice, and in a moment we had joined it. I looked down expecting to see water. But inside, it was round like a well. Cut out of the solid ice, steps led down into the depths. We stood at the edge, peering down into the darkness below.

"You must go on alone now," the Poppy said. "I can go no further."

"Down there?" I said. I didn't like the idea at all. "Down there alone?"

The Poppy twisted and turned on its stalk, bending his great head towards me.

"What shall we do?" he said finally. "I can't go with you; my magic goes no fur-

ther than this. Can't you go on alone? You will have the Silver Pipe to protect you!"

That's all very well, I thought, but the Pipe is very small, and that Giant, what I have seen of him, is very big! Then I remembered the poor unhappy Queen Bodina. And the King! What had happened to him?

"All right," I said. "I'll go — if you promise to wait for me here!"

"Of course I will wait," the Poppy replied. "When you reach the bottom, follow the Trembling River. There is always a boat waiting: tell it to take you to the King. You must find the King. If you need to, blow into the Pipe, it will know what to do. I will wait for you at the edge of the lake — by the trees. Good-bye, dear child. Good luck."

I started down the steps. Light seemed to filter through from the surface of the lake, and it was not as dark as I had expected. But how cold it was: and it grew colder and colder, the farther I went. I thought the steps would go on for ever. Then, when I was beginning to feel giddy from going round and round, and round and round, they came to an end, and I found myself in a narrow winding tunnel. The only light there was seemed to come from white tree roots, which twisted their way in and out of the crumbling walls. Occasionally I heard scampering feet in some of the smaller passages and tunnels that passed. I hurried along, stopping every now



and then to peer round a corner, or into the mouth of another tunnel.

At last, when I was beginning to think I had lost my way, I saw in front of me a huge door, made entirely of tree-roots. There was a notice on it, in some strange language I could make neither head nor tail of. I was staring at it, trying to

find some recognizable word, when the door slowly opened and I found myself face to face with two giant rats, crouched side by side, entirely filling the doorway. They were several times my height, horrible-looking creatures — little wicked eyes, and sharp teeth yellowed and broken. They weren't going to let me pass,

I could see, and they might well not stop at that. I took out the little Silver Pipe, and blew into it. To my delight, after only a second or two of silvery tinkling notes — which the Pipe played, not me, I've never played a note in my life — the rats closed their eyes, and went straight into a deep sleep. Shuddering slightly, I squeezed between them.

I was in an enormous rocky cavern, with arching sides, and a roof so far above my head, it was lost in darkness. Down the middle flowed a vast river. This must be the Trembling River, I thought. Indeed I knew it was. I could hear the water murmuring, 'tremble, tremble, tremble', as it swirled away into the gloom. Just in front of me, moored to the side, was a small boat. I jumped in, and said, in as commanding a voice as I could manage — "Take me to the King! Please! As fast as you can."

The boat must have been used to such orders, because there was no need to push off, it moved by itself, and we were soon out in mid-stream. All I could hear were drops of water plopping on to the seat beside me, and the swirling, swishing river murmuring 'tremble, tremble, tremble'. The boat bumped and swayed; rocks loomed up in the darkness, but miraculously we always avoided them. Somewhere ahead, I heard a bell tolling. The tolling grew louder and gradually, as we came out into the open, I saw a large buoy with a bell in a cage on the top, rolling to and fro on the water. Beyond lay a desolate expanse of water, half-frozen, grey and still. Here and there, trees clustered together on tiny

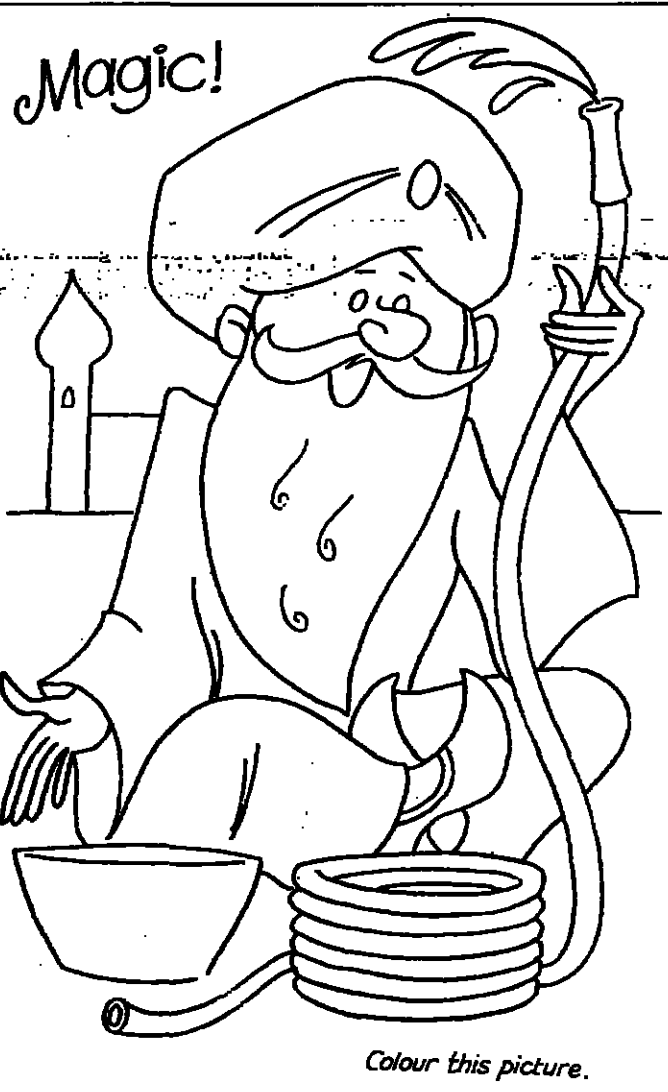
islands, poking their branches above the drifting mist.

The boat floated on, across the still surface of the lake, although there was no current that I could see, and finally we came to rest against landing stage which jutted out from one of the larger islands. I hope nobody sees me, I thought, as I tied the boat to a post, and walked up on to the island amongst the trees.

The mist was thick and terribly cold. It was dark beneath the trees. I had no idea which way to go. So I took the Silver Pipe out of my pocket and blew into it. For a moment everything was just as before. But as I stood waiting for something to happen, I felt a draught blowing on the back of my neck, and a wind rushed past me, clearing a path through the mist. Following the wind, I ran up the path and there, behind an iron gate, its lower ramparts half-hidden by trees and mist, its battlements and turrets lost in the clouds above, stood a colossal castle. I was so small compared to that I slipped through the gate easily, and at last stood gazing up at the towering mass. The walls were steep and slippery, but fortunately covered with a thick clinging creeper. I'll climb up that, I thought. Perhaps I'll find a window where I can get in.

The first window was shut tight; but the second was open. I pulled myself up on to the ledge and dropped down into the room inside. Looking round I saw I was in a sort of scullery, or pantry. It was vast! Everything in the room was ten sizes too big. The bucket under the sink was as big as a wardrobe.

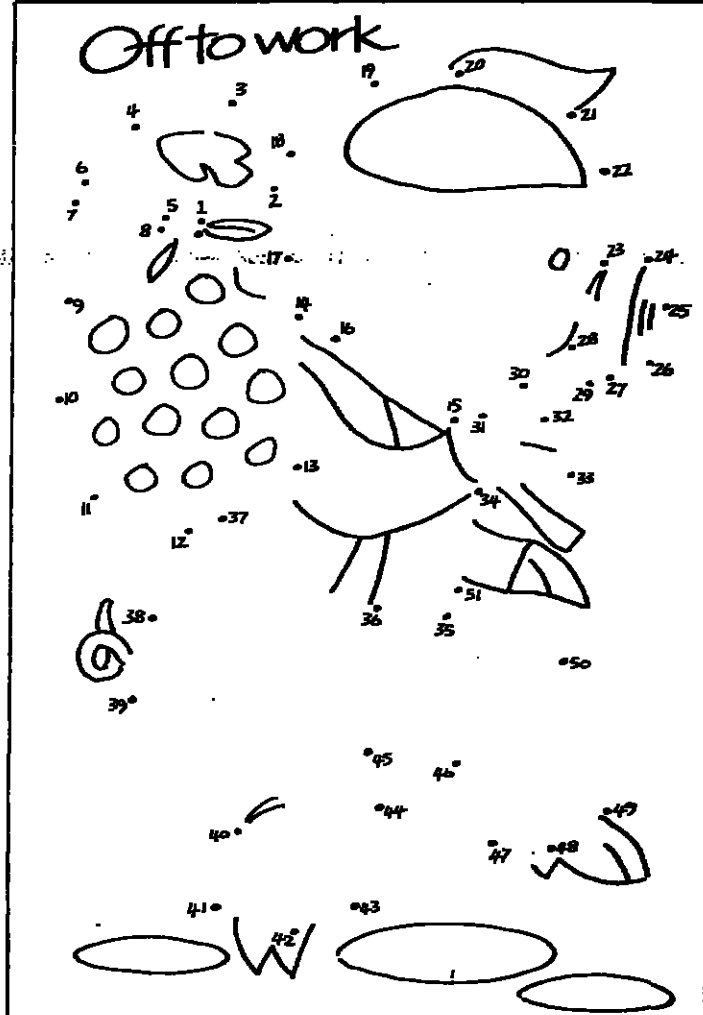
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Colour this picture.



A young Chinese girl takes a look with her toy camera at US First Lady Barbara Bush while touring Beijing last Sunday.



### Save Our Planet KULWAIT LOVES ANIMALS



### ARAB TIMES - MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL ANIMAL ART COMPETITION

Age Range 4-7, 8-11, 12-14 can either "Paint (draw etc.) Your Favourite Animal" or "Photograph An Animal"

Age Range 15-18, Design a poster "Save Our Animal Kingdom"

Entry is free, include your name, age, contact phone No.

All entries to be taken to Messilah Beach Hotel by 7th March.

First three in each age range will receive an "Animal Prize Goody Bag"

All art work to be displayed at Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday 10th March from mid-day.

Plus many other activities including British Tea Party "Leo's Magic Show" Football & Basketball shoot out "Running Races & Golf Putting"

Plus many more side stalls  
For more details contact  
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### Happy birthday

Bonita Carlota Fernandez celebrates her birthday on March 6th. Heartiest wishes from mum, dad and brother Jack.

### Amazing facts

Peers never wear gloves in the House of Lords when the sovereign is present.

Of all the world's major languages, English has the largest vocabulary — about 800,000 words.

A 14-year old French girl had extraordinary electrical powers. With a gentle touch she could knock over heavy pieces of furniture, and people in physical contact with her received an electric shock.

Flogging was only abolished in the British Army and Navy in 1881.

An American skater, in 1965, jumped over 17 barrels.

A statue of Marcus Aurelius astride a horse, in Rome, was used in the middle ages as a gallows — the rope was looped around the horse's head.

The nail on our middle finger grows fastest. The nail on the thumb grows slowest.

Damascus is the oldest inhabited capital city in the world.

An ounce of gold can be beaten into a sheet covering 9.3 square metres, or drawn into 80.5 km (50 miles) of wire.

At Knossos, on the island of Crete, there are ruins of a palace built 4,000 years ago, which contains complete bathrooms, with modern-style drainage systems.

An eighteenth century London woman was so afraid of catching cold that she never washed, but lubricated her face and hands with lard. She lived to be 116.

### Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE GAME OF MARBLES DATES FROM ANCIENT TIMES AND WAS INTRODUCED INTO BRITAIN BY THE ROMANS. THE EMPEROR AUGUSTUS CAESAR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PLAYED AS A CHILD. LIVING NUTS.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE GAME BECAME A COMPETITIVE SPORT UNDER THE BRITISH MARBLES BOARD OF CONTROL, AT THE GREYHOUND HOTEL, AT TINSLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY, WEST SUSSEX IN 1926.



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP (ESTABLISHED 1926) HAS BEEN WON MOST OFTEN BY THE YOUNG TERRIBLES WITH 20 CONSECUTIVE TITLES (1956-75). LEN SMITH (15 OCT 1917) WON THE INDIVIDUAL TITLE 15 TIMES (1957-64, 1966-1968-73) BUT LOST TO HIS SON ALAN IN 1974.



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IN FEBRUARY 1979, KARNA RAM BHEEL (1928-87) WAS GRANTED PERMISSION BY A NEW DELHI PRISON GOVERNOR TO KEEP HIS RECORD BREAKING 7'10" (213.6 cm) MUSTACHE, WHICH HE HAD GROWN SINCE 1949 DURING HIS LIFE SENTENCE.



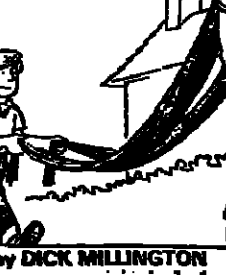
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THE CURRENT UK CHAMPION IS MIKE SOLOMONS, OF LONG DITTON, SURREY WITH A MUSTACHE 32 IN (81.3 cm) IN LENGTH AS OF MARCH 1988.



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IN MAY 1988 THE HAIR OF DAINE WITTY OF WORCESTER, USA, MEASURED 10'3" (312 cm). SHE LAST CUT HER HAIR 16 YEARS AGO.



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# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION

### Available

SALWA, near the police station, fully furnished accommodation, for a couple or working girls. Tel. 5624303, after 2 pm. (AT5-46247-2)

### Wanted

NUGRA, one bedroom flat or sharing accommodation required for a small Pakistani family. Tel. Zahr 2669204. (AT6-MUS-TM-1)

### For Rent

SALWA, Area 6, Street 2, House 19 Deluxe flat (3rd floor) with 3 bedrooms, dining room, sitting room, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and Tel. CAC, preferably for a European family. Tel. 5618727 4-11 pm. (AT5-46257-3)

APARTMENT, 2 bedrooms, CAC for a family. Tel. 2413614. (AT4-46230-3)

KUWAIT City, Sharq, large Arab house with 12 bedrooms, 3 toilets and 3 bathrooms, suitable for bachelors. Tel. 2533404. (AT5-46253-3)

### FOR SALE

#### Furniture

IKEA 10 month's old furniture, 50% off original price. Tel. 5758646 after 4 pm. (AT6-46268-3)

#### Cars

BMW 520i, 1982, excellent throughout with full BMW service history. KD1800. Tel. 3722797. (AT5-46235-2)

RANGE Rover 3500 SE 1983, white, in good condition. Owner leaving. KD1800. Tel. 2460299, after 6 pm. (AT5-46243-3)

TOYOTA Cressida GL, 1984 model, fully automatic, in excellent condition. Cash or instalments. Tel. 2401516. (AT5-46260-2)

A leading company requires A/C technician. Please call 2425101/5

OLDSMOBILE 98, 1984 model, fully automatic, with AC and sunroof in excellent condition. KD2150, best offer. Tel. 9020287, 2440409. (AT5-46261-3)

MITSUBISHI Colt 1986, white, automatic, with AC, AM/FM and cassette, in excellent condition. KD350 for owner. KD770 by instalments. (AT6-46267-3)

DODGE Ram Charger 1981, sealed bid sale. Tel. 2424151 ext. 307-308, Monday through Wednesday, 1-3 pm only. Bids close at 3 pm Wednesday March 8. (AT6-46274-2)

### Miscellaneous

SHARQ, one bedroom CAC apartment for sale. Asking KD300. Rent KD160 per month. Tel. Mr. John 4834807, 4839265, 8 am - 5 pm. (AT5-46255-3)

MOVING — sale sofa set, dining table (extendable) with five chairs KD45, black sofa, 3 seater, KD20, IKEA baby cot KD15, centre-side glass tables KD10 and miscellaneous items. Tel. 5639408. (AT6-46283-3)

GERMAN bed set KD120, dining table (extendable) with five chairs KD45, black sofa, 3 seater, KD20, IKEA baby cot KD15, centre-side glass tables KD10 and miscellaneous items. Tel. 5639408. (AT6-46283-3)

ONE bedroom flat near the Indian School, Salmiya. Also 2 AC's, sofa set, dining table cupboard, computer (Amiga 500), single cot. Tel. 5642144, 7 am - 12 noon, 6-9 pm. (AT6-46270-2)

### SITUATIONS

#### Wanted

CHARTERED architect (RIBA & MSC), Sri Lankan, Muslim with 8 years experience, seeks suitable full-time employment with consultants, turnkey operators or constructors. Terms negotiable. Tel. 21380 FAIR LIN CE, Fax 0094 01 598923 (Attn. Zahir). (AT6-46218-2)

### REQUIRED Arabic/English lady translator/ secretary

Experienced and qualified lady translator/secretary with knowledge of word processing computer programmes from March 1989 for an international consultant. Please contact: Tel. 4849674/5/6/7, 4814202 between 6.30 am and 2.00 pm.

AN experienced maid, seeks full time employment with a European family. Accommodation required for husband, can help with some house work without meals. Tel. 5628708, 9 am - 1 pm, 4-7 pm. (AT5-46254-3)

### Vacant

MAID required for a French family with 2 children, to live-in in Messilah. Must speak fluent English. Tel. 3802472, after 4 pm. (AT4-46233-3)

MAID required for an American family. Must have transferable residence. Tel. 5641119, 3-6 pm only. (AT4-SH-TM-3)

MAID required Filipina or Sri Lankan for a small family with 2 children, to live-in. Must speak English. Excellent salary. Tel. 2408654. (AT4-46236-3)

DRIVER required for a Kuwaiti family for 3 months. Must know Kuwait areas. Tel. Mr. Abu Ahmed 2527710 Res: 2428350 off 9017236. (AT6-46284-3)

MAID required for a small family to live-in. Must speak English and have a transferable residence. Tel. 5650063. (AT5-46252-2)

MAID required for a small Indian family with one child from 9 am - 8 pm. Residence can be provided. Tel. 5735166. (AT5-46245-3)

MAID required, Filipino, for a family to live-in. Must speak English and have a transferable residence. Tel. 5629779, 9 am - 8 pm. (AT5-46256-2)

### SERVICES

#### Transport

REQUIRED for a lady from Baghdad Street, Salmiya to Desman Complex, Sharq, 8 am - 12.30 pm, 4-7 pm. Tel. Leena, 2405953-4. (AT6-46275-3)

### REQUIRED A European lady to sell antiques and Persian carpets on commission basis.

Please send C.V. and contact tel. no. to P.O. Box 15229, Al Daiya, Code No. 35453 Kuwait.

# MARKET PLACE

REQUIRED for a lady from Mahaboola to Adailiya (Faculty of Commerce), 7.30 am and 1.45 pm. Tel. Mr. Samir, 5637056, 3721900, after 2.30 pm. (AT4-46244-3)

### Baby Sitting

MOTHERLY care available with a Mangalorean lady at Yarmouk, near the Modern School, Tel. Mrs. S. D'Souza, 2543070, 8 am - 7 pm. (AT6-46271-3)

### Tuition

PHYSICS, maths and chemistry for O level and A level available, in Kuwait City (behind the GPO). Tel. 2422246. (AT5-46216-3)

### WANTED

TOYOTA Corolla, 1988 model, manual, should be purchased late 1987 or early 1988 with low mileage. Tel. Kumar, 2458286, Off. 7.30 am - 1.30 pm 4310763. Res. (AT5-46246-2)

CHEVROLET Caprice, Oldsmobile 98 or Delta, 1980 - 83 model, in very good condition. Tel. 4813566 ext. 284, 11 am - 6 pm, 5722851-3 ext. 503, 8 am - 11 pm. (AT5-SAB-TM-3)

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## SPORTS

## Arsenal held to goalless draw by Millwall

LONDON, March 1, (AP) Arsenal extended its lead at the top of the English First Division to five points yesterday despite a 0-0 draw at home against third-placed Millwall.

At a windy Highbury stadium, Arsenal rarely performed like League leaders and were lucky to earn a point in a match that tested the Gunners' title claims to the limit.

Arsenal manager George Graham complained in the match programme that he expected teams to come "to frustrate us, kill the game, and waste time."

Nothing could have been further from the truth against Millwall, whose committed, competitive performance lacked only one thing: the finishing touch.

When Millwall did get the ball in the net, Les Briley's volley past goalkeeper John Lukic on the half-hour was ruled out for offside.

Millwall also claimed a penalty in a stirring opening half when Teddy Sheringham looked to have been brought down by Tony Adams.

Sheringham and Tony Cascarino caused repeated problems for Arsenal, but couldn't score.

The only time Arsenal threatened was immediately before the interval when their best move, involving David Rocastle and David O'Leary, finished with Michael Thomas failing to find the target.

Arsenal now has 55 points from 27 games. Second-placed Norwich City has 50 from 26.

**Results**  
Results of British soccer matches played yesterday.

English Division One		
Arsenal	0	Millwall 0
English Division Two		
Barnsley	2	Watford 2
Blackburn	2	Sunderland 2
Bournemouth	2	Oldham 2
Chelsea	2	Hull 1
Portsmouth	0	Ipwich 1
Shrewsbury	2	Plymouth 0
Stoke	1	Birmingham 0
Swindon	2	Leicester 0
Walsall	1	Brighton 1
English Division Three		
Blackpool	0	Wolves 2
Bolton v Wigan	match abandoned	
Brentford	1	Chesterfield 0
Gillingham	1	Preston 3
Mansfield	2	Chester 0
Northampton	2	Fulham 0
Notts County	2	Cardiff 0
Sheff Wed	0	Port Vale 0
Southend	1	Bury 1
Swansea v Huddersfield	match abandoned	
English Division Four		
Cockchester	1	Rotherham 1
Doncaster	1	York 0
Grimby	0	Crewe 2
Hartlepool	2	Stockport 2
Rochdale	2	Hereford 2
Torquay	1	Darlington 0
Wrexham	2	Scunthorpe 0
Postponed: Burnley v Carlisle		
Scottish Division One		
Clyde	1	Clydebank 1
Scottish Division Two		
Postponed: Dumbarton v Albion		

## Hearts stun Bayern Munich

EDINBURGH, March 1, (AP) Ian Ferguson's goal gave Hearts of Midlothian, the tournament's rank outsider, an upset 1-0 victory over West German giant Bayern Munich in a UEFA Cup quarterfinal, first leg soccer game last night.

Hearts, Britain's sole surviving representative in European club competition in the absence of banned English teams, won the game after 55 minutes when Ferguson drove home a 25-yard freekick.

Kenny Black was fouled and when Toshi McKinlay tapped the freekick to Ferguson, the striker rifled an unstoppable shot past Raimond Aumann in Bayern's goal.

The second leg will take place at Bayern in two years' time.

Hearts, yet to concede a goal at home in the competition, barely threatened the West Germans in the first half when the visitors' Hans Flick was off target with two shots.

Those missed chances gave Hearts the confidence to go forward after the break while Bayern showed little of the style that had produced 12 goals in its three previous on-the-road UEFA Cup games.

Bayern's playmaker, international midfielder Olaf Thon, contributed little and left Edinburgh with a caution.

Ferguson, whose goals carried Dundee United to the final of the UEFA Cup two years ago before his transfer to Hearts, brought the 29,000 crowd to its feet with his stunning strike, his first in Europe for the club.

As the second half progressed, the Scots went in search of second goal, which ought to have come from stand-in captain Dave McPherson eight minutes from time. The big defender was put clean through by McKinlay but finished weakly.

## PERNFORS AND GILBERT TO MEET IN WCT SEMIFINALS

## Wilander and Edberg knocked out

DALLAS, March 1, (Reuter) World number two Mats Wilander and his Swedish compatriot Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg were knocked out of the \$685,000 WCT quarterfinals yesterday by opponents who will meet in the semifinals.

Another Swede, Mikael Pernfors, rallied from two sets to one deficit to beat Wilander 2-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. American Brad Gilbert, a late substitute for the ill Boris Becker, beat Edberg 7-6, 6-1, 6-3 and will meet Pernfors in the semifinals.

Wilander, who picked up a racquet only a day ago for the first time since losing in the second round of the Australian Open seven weeks ago, was not surprised to lose.

**Deserved**  
"I didn't have too much preparation," said Wilander. "Mikael played really well and I knew he had tired because he was telling me in the change overs that he was going to die. I think it is fair because he deserved it more."

After the first set, Wilander found it difficult to find accuracy with his shots and his confidence sagged. Pernfors, who has been in form over recent weeks, was able to capitalise on his opportunities.

"I hit the forehand the best for a long time," said Pernfors. "It was not his best tennis and I was

playing very well and it was a good feeling."

Wilander said after the match he felt like not touching a racquet for another two months but he still enjoyed playing tennis.

Gilbert's victory as the eight-player tournament's alternate for influenza-struck Becker, marked the second straight year that Gilbert enjoyed WCT success at the expense of a Wimbledon champion. Last year he upset Australian Pat Cash.

**Severe**  
"I took the red-eye plane from my home in California," Gilbert said. "I had a good 10 minutes on the match court and went out thinking I had nothing to lose."

Edberg was playing his first tournament since severe back spasms forced him to default his semifinal at the Australian Open six weeks ago.

The Swede, who was tentative with his shots and unable to hit his serve at 100 per cent, said he played well below his normal standard.

"It was frustrating," said Edberg. "It was a little disappointing, but not too much. It is hard coming here because I can't push myself and I think maybe I am being a bit too careful. I guess it is all my head."

Edberg said he felt no pain in his back but lost concentration after the first set, in which he held a service break, and that allowed

the American to take advantage. "I knew Stefan was coming off a long layoff," Gilbert said. "I could see he was not moving as well and I was making him hit balls."

**Streak**  
Becker, whose streak of six straight indoor tournament titles began in Dallas last year, informed Ken Farrar, the Grand Prix supervisor and Benji Robins, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) road manager, that he was ill.

"I called Boris and he sounded very bad," Robins said. "He was hoarse in the throat, pretty much lost his voice and he had a fever."

The West German's withdrawal was surprising since Becker had made a point of pronouncing himself fit after winning the US pro tournament in Philadelphia on Sunday.

**Scheduled**  
Becker, who also won the tournament in Milan, Italy, the week before, arrived in Dallas on Sunday night after his three-set win in the Philadelphia final final against Tim Mayotte.

Becker, 21, attended the WCT pre-tournament press conference and showed no ill effects before pulling out of the tournament.

It was believed Becker had asked not to play his opening match, against Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, on the



Wilander

first day of the eight-man event but tournament organisers were not able to oblige him. John McEnroe and Jakob Hlasek, scheduled to compete today, played a final in France on Sunday.

And bad for the event and he just can't give any type of performance. This is a legitimate excuse," added Robins.

Becker is next scheduled to play at Indian Wells, where he is defending champion, starting on March 13.

## Graf extends perfect record

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 1, (Reuter) Steffi Graf hurried past American Beth Herr in her opening match in the \$200,000 US Women's Hardcourt Tennis Championships yesterday to extend her unbeaten record in 1989.

The Grand Slam champion from West Germany took just 51 minutes to dispose of Herr 6-0, 6-1 but gave herself only a fair rating afterwards.

"I think my play was all right," Graf, the world number one, said. "I really couldn't say that it was my best performance of the year because she was not that strong."

Graf ran her new year's streak to 13 after capturing the Australian Open and Washington women's tennis titles.

Two seeded players failed to follow Graf's example.

Italian Linda Ferrando scored the upset of the day by beating third-seeded Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-4, 6-4. Zvereva, ranked eighth, was the highest ranked victim ever claimed by the 73rd-ranked Fer-



Graf

Seventh seed Gretchen Magers also fell, beaten 6-4, 7-6 by her fellow-American Kathy Rinaldi.

Others reaching the second round included fifth seed Patty Fendick and sixth-seeded Hans

Mandlikova of Australia. Fendick used a strong serve-and-volley game to defeat her fellow-American Wendy White 6-1, 6-4, while Mandlikova raised her game in the third set to finish off American Beverly Bowes 6-3, 5-7, 6-0.

## Golfers gather for Dubai golf classic

DUBAI, March 1, (AP) British Open champion Ian Woosnam and other top golfers gathered in Dubai for the \$438,000 Karl Litten Overseas Desert Challenge, despite efforts by anti-apartheid activists to stop them.

The London-based Golf Against Apartheid claimed that Woosnam and other British players, including Howard Clarke, Paul Way, Sam Torrance, Philip Parkins and Chris Moody, had played in South Africa despite international bans protesting Pretoria's policy of racial segregation.

The anti-apartheid group's founder, Roger Bunn, said yesterday that it had asked Dubai authorities to stop golfers with South African stamps on their passports from entering the country.

But all the players got in without problems. An official of the Karl Litten Overseas Co., the tournament organisers, said it had heard nothing about the anti-apartheid group's action.

Woosnam heads the 120-man field in the four-day desert classic that starts on Friday at the Emirates Golf Club, the only all-grass championship course in the Arab Middle East.

The 18-hole, 140-acre (56-hectare) course is largely covered with imported Bermuda grass in the sand outside bustling Dubai city where camels used to graze.

It was opened a year ago and the desert classic, part of the European Professional Golf Association tour, is the first full fledged tournament held in Dubai.

The golfers will warm up with a pro-am competition featuring 24 teams of one professional and two amateurs today.

The desert classic is the second stop in the nine-month European PGA tour which has a total purse of more than \$23 million. The PGA tour consists of 47 tournaments this year.

Woosnam, who topped the PGA earnings list in 1987 with more than \$1.75 million, is the favourite to win the \$72,905 first prize.

## Schoendienst and Barlick elected to Baseball Hall of Fame

TAMPA, March 1, (AP) Red Schoendienst, a sure-handed second baseman who led the National League in fielding seven times, and former umpire Al Barlick were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame yesterday by the Veterans Committee, while Phil Rizzuto was snubbed once again.

Schoendienst, 66, spent 18 years in the major leagues — 14 with the St. Louis Cardinals — and batted over 300 seven times. He also managed the Cardinals from 1965-76, winning pennants in 1967 and 1968 and a world series title in 1967.

"My wife thought I should be in a long time ago, but that's wives," Schoendienst said from his apartment in St. Petersburg, where the cards are in spring training.

**Called up**  
Barlick, 73, known for his booming voice at the plate, was one of the youngest umpires ever to make it to the majors when, at the age 25, he was called up to the National League in 1940. Barlick spent 27 full seasons in the league and part of another.

"I think it's a miracle that I got in," Barlick said by telephone from his home in Gilbert, Arizona, where he is working as an umpire consultant for the National League. "Other than that, I really don't have anything to say."

Seventeen of the 18 committee members were present during deliberations. Although no total

was announced, it takes 14 votes for election. The Veterans Committee was empaneled 32 years ago to select players overlooked by the regular vote of the Baseball Writers Association of America. The committee has voted 119 players into the Hall. Last year was the only year in which the veterans failed to make a selection.

Rizzuto, the American League's most valuable player in 1950 for the New York Yankees, has been open about his disappointment at not being picked for the Hall of Fame, especially after his crosstown rival of the 1940s and '50s, Dodgers shortstop Pee Wee Reese, was elected in 1984.

Rizzuto played on nine Yankee pennant winners and has seven world series rings.

**Merits**  
"We don't oppose any candidate. We go on merits and vote for a man, not against another," said Hall of Famer Stan Musial, a committee member and former teammate of Schoendienst.

"A lot of people do not equate the things (Rizzuto) did as being Hall of Fame caliber," longtime baseball writer and committee member Bob Broeg of the St. Louis post dispatch said. "You can't twist people's wrists."

Schoendienst and Barlick will be inducted on July 23 at Cooperstown, New York, along with Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski, who were voted in by the writers.

## CCK lifts Rahman Trophy

CRICKET Club of Kuwait (CCK) lifted the Rahman Trophy after tough fights against Hubara Cricketers in the semifinal and Flying Arrows in the final on Friday and Saturday at the KOC grounds in Ahmadi.

After crushing Hawks in the quarterfinals CCK entered the race to avenge their defeat by Hubara Cricketers in last month's final of Bava Shield.

The semifinals CCK once again met their mighty rivals the Hubara Cricketers in the morning at Oval. After winning the toss the Hubara opted to bat first. None of their batsmen could confidently face the bowling of Faisal and Saifuddin.

**Reluctant**  
Shipton was so reluctant that he could only score 19 runs in 15 overs without any fence touching shot. When unlucky Pat Flower tried to go wild on a rising delivery from Saifuddin he found himself trapped with a few injured teeth.

The Hubara could not check the onslaught of CCK bowlers as wickets were falling on regular short intervals. Riflat and Saeed bowled so tightly that they never allowed any batsmen to score freely against them. At the end of the allotted 30 overs, the Hubara could muster only 134 runs, their lowest of the season.

Riflat 34 for three, Saeed 34 for two were the most successful bowlers while Faisal, Saifuddin and Mansoor collected one wicket each at 30, 15 and 6 runs respectively.

Hubara bowlers whipped half of the CCK side for 53 runs. Amanullah and Tijendra Singh, Bitto came to the rescue of CCK with 37 and 32 runs respectively.

The drama began at 123 for six on the score-board when Talbot nailed all the joyous enthusiasm in CCK camp by snatching three wickets within the space of seven runs and CCK were 130 for nine wickets. But the tailenders Fawaz and Saeed safely took CCK past the 134 mark.



The CCK team after winning the match

Flying Arrows by virtue of a walk-over over Casuals who were away in Bahrain, got to the final on Saturday against CCK. By winning the toss they elected to bat first.

Faisal started the bowling in the same class as he exhibited on Friday with equal support from Saifuddin. The Flying Arrows were very slow in the beginning as 45 runs were scored in first 10 overs but Verold had no problem punishing any loose balls coming his way, out of 45 runs on the score-board his individual 41 runs contribution was even to watch.

Albert and Ashok on their turn repulsed every move of CCK and the score started moving fast.

In quick succession both dangerous men were clean bowled by Faisal and Saifuddin for 44 and 38 runs respectively. Later no other batsman reached double figures and at the end of 30 overs Flying Arrows had registered respective 175 for eight wickets.

CCK with Raees and Amanullah came to settle the debts while Raees in a very aggressive mood started the inning by sending the ball three times out of boundary in the first over, from that point till the end of affairs CCK were dominant by all means.

Amanullah 17, Tijendra Singh Bitto 31 and Sajid Raza 14 were the only batsmen who could be sent back to pavilion but Raees

## Ivanchuk maintains lead

LINARES, Spain, March 1, (AP) Soviet Vasily Ivanchuk kept first place in the standings of the Seventh City of Linares chess tournament after a draw with Ljubojevic in the eighth round yesterday.

Lajos Portisch, Hungary, defeated Johan Hjartarson, Iceland.

The three other matches in the round were adjourned. They were Han Timman, Netherlands, against Andre Sokolov, Soviet Union; Nigel Short, Britain, against Artur Yusupov, Soviet Union; and Valeri Gulikov, United States, against Alexander Beliavsky, Soviet Union.

Ivanchuk has 3.5 points, followed by world champion Anatoli Karpov with 3. Ljubojevic 4.5, Yusupov and Portisch with 3.5 each, Timman, Short and Hjartarson 3 each, Gulikov 2.5, Beliavsky 2 and Sokolov 1.5.

## Boys win two games in Bahrain tour

THE annual tour proved an unqualified success both on and off the field of play. The touring party numbering 150 and incorporating 35 mini rugby players enjoyed a scintillating display of open and committed rugby. The Boys won two games and narrowly lost the other two.

The scores however do not reflect the sporting attitude and talented skills of the Kuwaiti players against difficult odds. Apart from Bahrain having home ground advantage their boys were older in age and bigger in size but these factors did not deter Kuwait. Their vociferous supporters were given plenty to cheer about as time and time again Kuwait showed that their team spirit exceeded the best hopes of the admiring and excited coaching staff.

It was a magnificent all round team performance and all deserve tremendous credit. Team captains Paul Daly and Christian

Elliott were in magnificent form for the elder boys and led by example. Their forceful running and excellent temperament under difficult conditions were a delight to watch.

Matthews Clark playing his best ever rugby was a constant thorn in the side of Bahrain. Philip Bennett proved to be an inspiring captain and Bahrain found it difficult containing the explosive talent of the Al-Sayer Boys.

The mini game proved a real cliff-hanger and the tackling and commitment of the younger boys belied their age. Their performance literally left certain supporters speechless. Oliver McAree, Richard Wild and the Tyrells along with all the boys were a credit to coaches of the year, P Quinn and P Tyrell.

The boys made an excellent job of literally introducing the Bahraini boys to their own

ground. Geoff Bennett in conjunction with KMMC did an excellent job in organising a most enjoyable tour. A vote of thanks was passed to the Fosters family for their hospitality.

On National Day it was nice to see the parents and supporters award the Boys a standing ovation as they relieved special plaques from H McAree and G Bennett.

B and B took on a new meaning as Mrs L Elliott supplied bucket and banner for the boys.

The boys who proved wonderful ambassadors for the sport were quick to thank the ladies committee of N Bennett, G Wild and J Tyrell for their wonderful work on behalf of the club.

Mini rugby returns to normal on Friday March 3 with training commencing at 1000. Further details from Geoff Bennett (Res: 5332683) or Hugh McAree (Off: 4710576).

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